



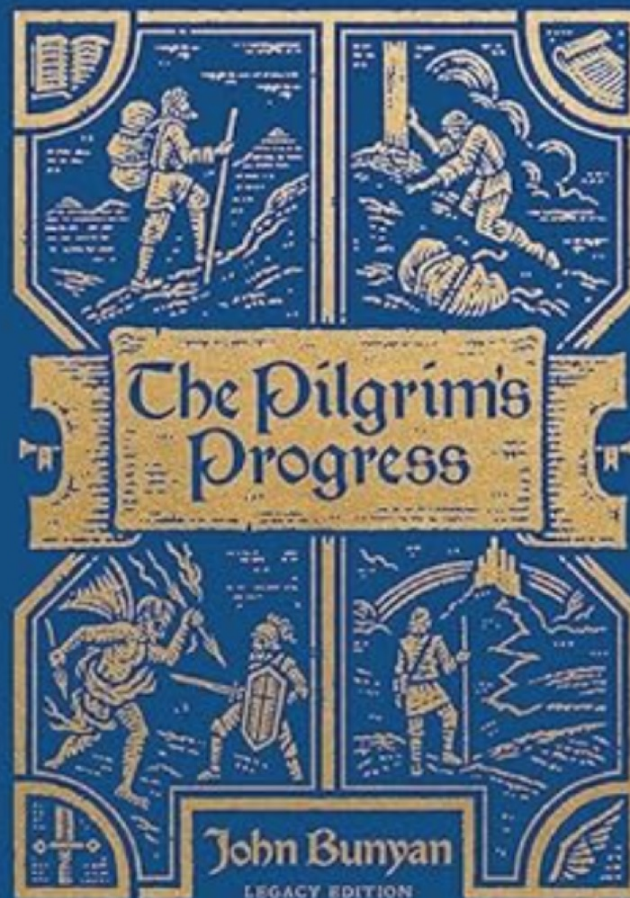
# *Thanksgiving*

Repentance:

9 Invitations of the Gospel

“Repentance pulls the weeds from out of the soil of our hearts that had been choking out any life and fruitfulness.”

John Owen





Giant Despair





Christian

"What a fool am I to lie in a foul-smelling dungeon, when I may as well walk at liberty! I have a key called Promise, that will, I am sure, open any lock in Doubting Castle."

Christian

Invitation #1:

The gospel invites me to run to God,  
not from him.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.”

Psalms 51:1



“He intends to restore you into the radiant  
resplendence for which you were created. And  
that is dependent not on you keeping yourself  
clean but on you taking your mess to him.

“He doesn’t limit himself to working with the unspoiled parts of us that remain after a lifetime of sinning.

“His power runs so deep that he is able to redeem the very worst parts of our past into the most radiant parts of our future. But we need to take those dark miseries to him.”

Dane Ortlund

Invitation #2:

The gospel invites me to **plead** for **mercy**  
based on God's **goodness** and not my **own**.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”

Psalm 51:1-2

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the  
LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the  
earth, so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.



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Invitation #3:

The gospel invites me to see the **seriousness**  
of my **sin**.

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is  
ever before me.”

Psalms 51:3

Invitation #4:

The gospel invites me to see who my sin is  
against.

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

Psalms 51:4

Invitation #5:

The gospel invites me to see the **source**  
of my **sin**.

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Psalms 51:5



Invitation #6:

The gospel invites me to **boldly** approach  
the **solution** to my sin — **Jesus**.

“Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

“Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.”

Psalm 51:6-9

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Wipe my sin from your memory and extinguish my guilt. (9)



Invitation #7:

The gospel invites me see God's **promise** not to **leave** me as I **am**.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

Psalm 51:10-12

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- Renew what is there, but in a broken and weak state. (Think of a restoring of joy like a ruined city.)

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- Be a willing support that I can lean on



Invitation #8:

The gospel invites me into a **broken** spirit and **contrite** heart.

“Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from  
bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my  
salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of  
your righteousness.

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

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Psalm 51:13-17

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“Why have you *despised* the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.”

2 Samuel 12:9

Invitation #9:

The gospel invites me into restored joy and transformed worship of God.



“Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.”

Psalm 51:18-19

“Worship, according to Scripture, is an ongoing captivation of the heart that overflows into your life to produce desire, word, and deed.”

Paul Tripp

“Go to him. All that means is, open yourself up to him. Let him love you.

“The Christian life boils down to two steps: 1. Go to Jesus, and 2. See #1.

“Whatever is crumbling all around in your life, wherever you feel stuck, this remains, undeflectable: his heart for you, the real you, is gentle and lowly. So go to him.

“That place in your life where you feel most defeated, he is there; he lives there, right there, and his heart for you, not on the other side of it but in that darkness, is gentle and lowly.

“Your anguish is his home. Go to him. If you knew his heart, you would.”

Dane Ortlund