

Kingdom Priority 4: Repentance

HAGGAI 2:10-19



Luke 13:4-5

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

To Merit Forgiveness in the 16th Century...

- Be sorrowful for committing the sin
- Confess your sin
- Get instructions from a priest for “what to do” next in order to absolve your sin

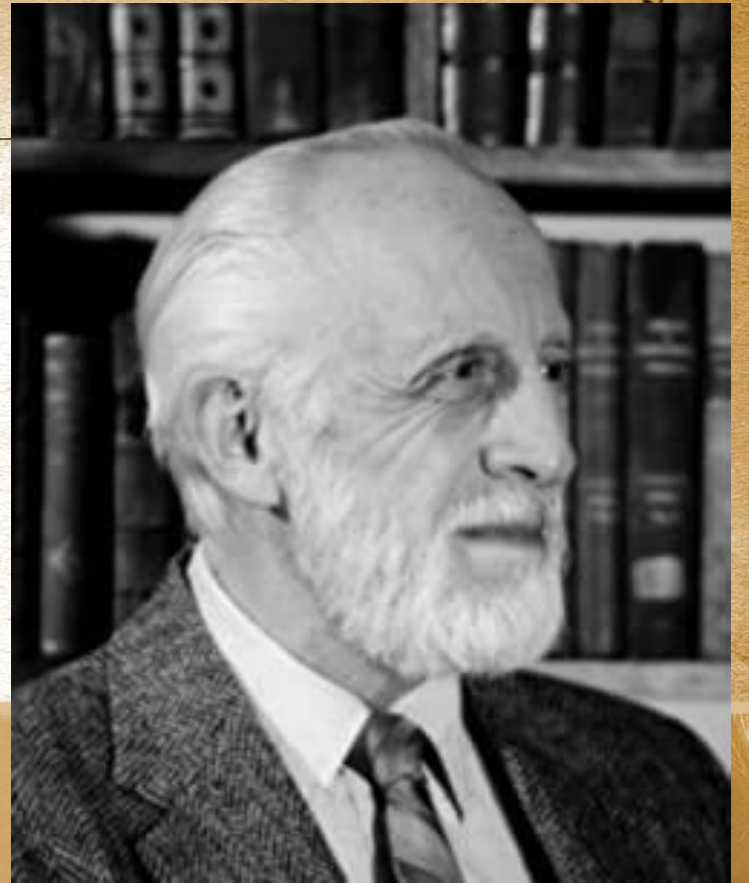


Luther on Repentance

- “to change one’s mind”
- An ongoing experience of the Christian life
- He would never ask, “Have you repented of your sin?”
He would ask, “Are you repenting of your sins?”

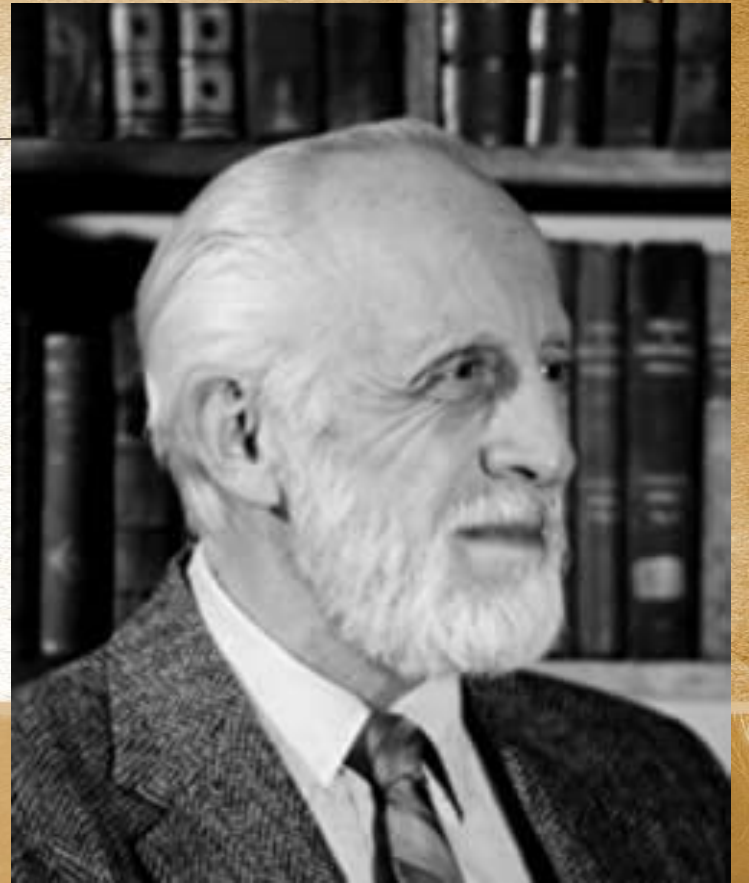


“It is very common to hear someone describing repentance as a past accomplishment, saying things like, ‘I repented when I was eighteen years old,’ or, ‘You don’t need to worry about me, I am all right with God. I repented twelve years ago.’ If someone comes to ...



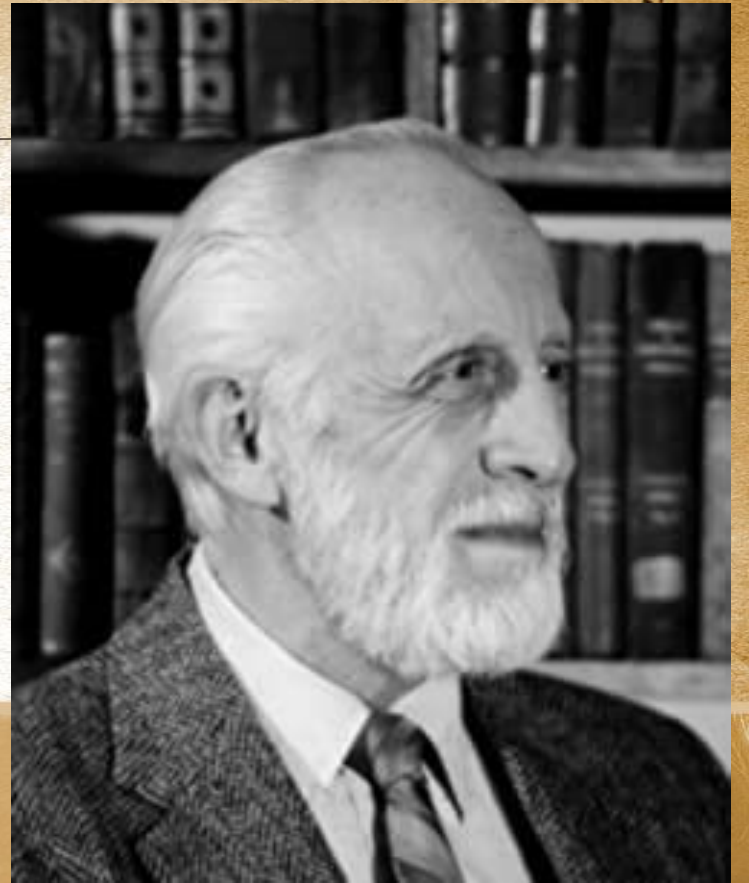
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"... me with a report about repentance sometime in their past, I want to cry out, 'So what? Who cares what happened years ago?' It is never enough to say, 'I repented.' You must be able to say, 'I am repentant. Day in and day out, month ...'"



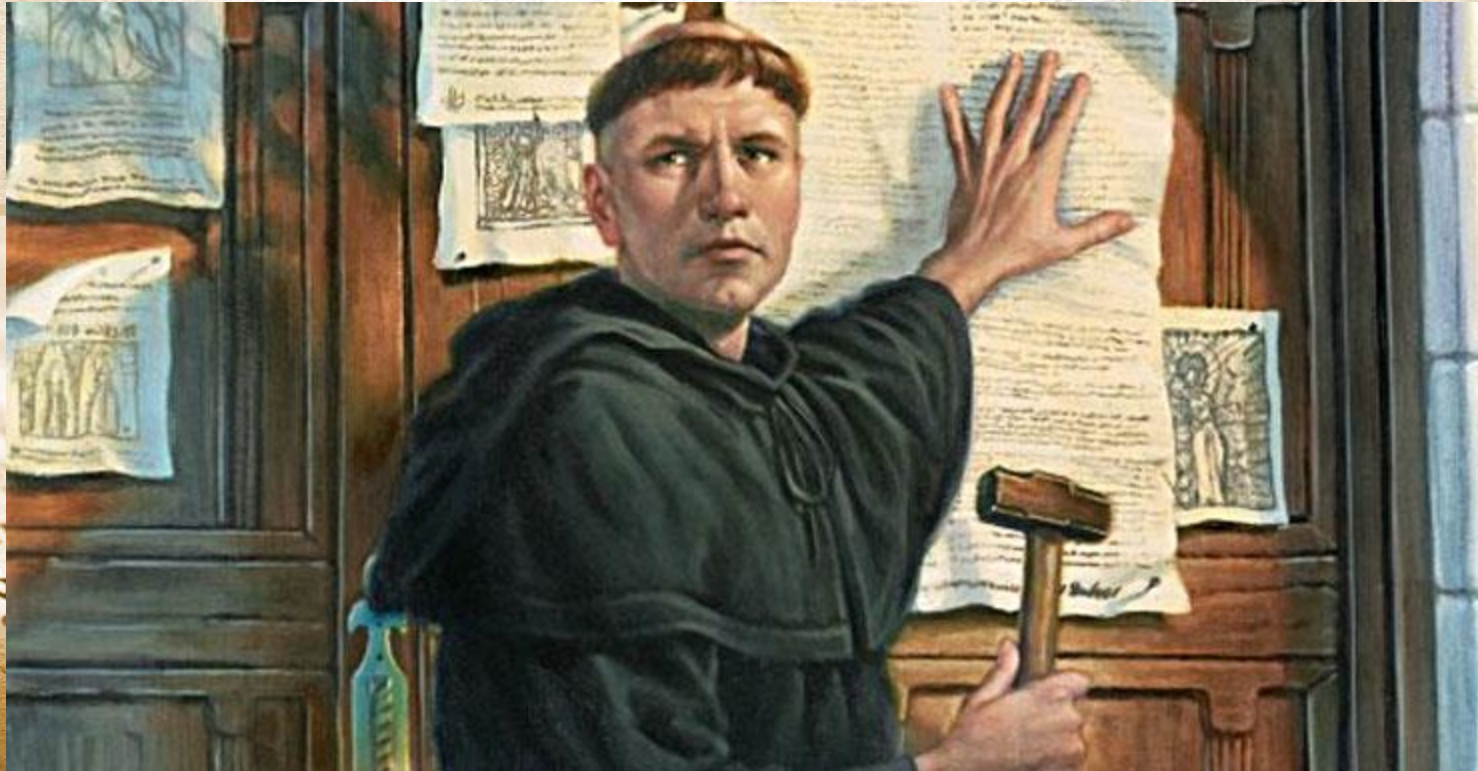
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“... after month, year after year,
unceasingly, I live as a
repentant person.
I live in the spirit and attitude
of repentance.”



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*Repentance***

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Matt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”



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... from heaven
... as a Moses
... must be the Son
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"The Greek word *metanoieite* itself...means 'repent': and could be translated more exactly by the Latin *tramentamini*, which means 'assume another mind and feeling, recover one's senses, make transition from one state of mind to another, have a change of spirit'; so that those who...



Martin Luther, *An Entire Life of Repentance*

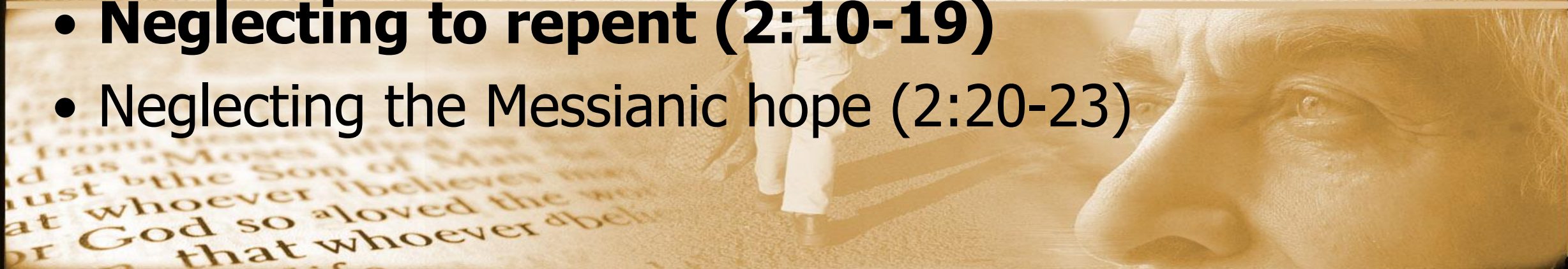
“... hitherto have been aware of earthly matters may now know the spiritual, as the Apostle (Paul) says in Romans 12:2, ‘Be transformed by the renewal of your mind’. By this recovery of one’s senses it happens that the sinner has a change of heart and hates his sin.”



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Outline of Neglect in Haggai

- Neglecting the glory of God's name (1:1-11)
- Neglecting their own obedience to God (1:12-15)
- Neglecting spiritual growth (2:1-9)
- **Neglecting to repent (2:10-19)**
- Neglecting the Messianic hope (2:20-23)



KEY POINT: Prioritize the practice of repentance.



I. The Corruption of Unrepented Sin (vs. 10-14)



The Missing Kingdom Priority	Passage	Year	Month	Day
God's House	1:1-11	2	6	1
Obedience	1:12-15	2	6	24
Spiritual Growth	2:1-9	2	7	21
Repentance	2:10-19	2	9	24

Two Questions and Two Answers

- First Question – Can holiness be transferred from food-to-food or food-to-ingredient?

Answer – No

- Second Question – Can food that is holy become defiled if someone unclean touches it?

Answer – Yes



“Evil is like a root cancer that extends in all directions within the organism to leave its devastating effects.”



**Roger Nicole,
*Our Sovereign God***



“To be totally depraved is to suffer from corruption that pervades the whole person. Sin affects every aspect of our being: the body, the soul, the mind, the will, and so forth. The total or whole person is corrupted by sin.

No vestigial ‘island of righteousness’ escapes the influence of the fall...



R.C. Sproul,
Grace Unknown

“...Sin reaches into every aspect of our lives, finding no shelter of isolated virtue.”



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I. The Corruption of Unrepented Sin (vs. 10-14)

II. The Consequences of Unrepented Sin (vs. 15-17)



Four Consequences of Unrepented Sin

- Drowns out mercy (Isaiah 55:6-7)
- Fuels the ego
- Hardens the heart (Exodus 4-14)
- Can lead to death (Acts 5; Prov 29:1)



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II. The Consequences of Unrepented Sin (vs. 15-17)

III. The Cure for Unrepented Sin: Repentance (vs. 18-19)



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What Repentance Is Not

- Just remorse
- Behavior modification
- Self-preservation

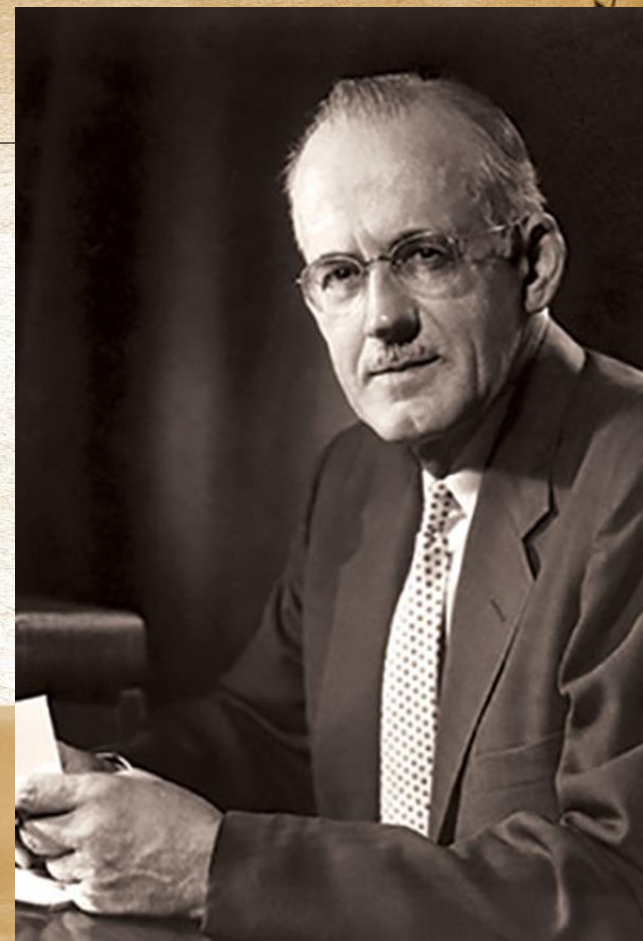


What Repentance Is

- A change of thinking, which leads to a change in behavior (Acts 26:20)
- Thorough (Luke 19:8)
- Accepts the consequences (Psalm 51:1-2)
- Invites accountability (Psalm 51:13)
- Produces brokenness and humility (Luke 15:19)
- Hates sin (Psalm 51:3-4)

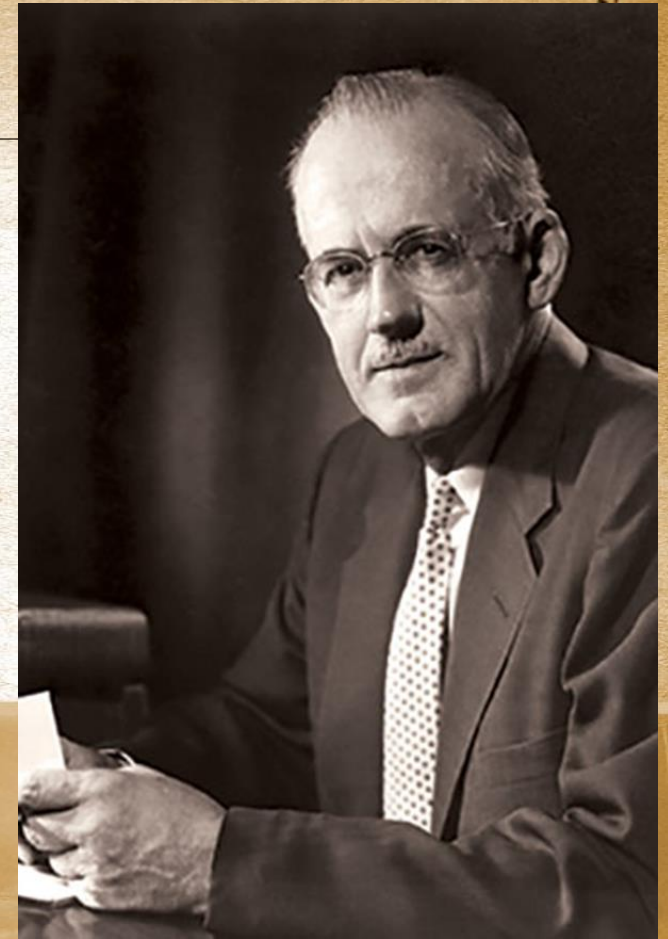
“...Repentance is not likely to do us much good until it ceases to be a change of mind only and becomes a wound within our spirit.

No man has truly repented until his sin has wounded him near to death, until the wound has broken him and defeated him and taken all the fight and self-assurance out of him...



**A.W. Tozer,
*Man: The Dwelling
Place of God***

“...and he sees himself as the one who nailed his Savior to the tree.”



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