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When someone has a heart for God, it does not mean that they are perfect, sinless, etc., but that when the Holy Spirit convicts them of their sin, they are genuinely repentant.

Intro: Swindoll, p. 101

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David recognized that the <u>fault</u> was his <u>own</u>.

We can blame no one for our sin (James 1:14)

B. David called sin <u>what</u> <u>it</u> <u>is</u>
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Joseph realized that the worst thing about adultery was that it was a sin against God (Gen. 39:9)

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In the Hebrew, David only said 4 words ("I sinned against Yahweh") joined into 2 words -

"Chatati LaYahweh!"

Unlike David, Saul gave excuses for his sin (SEE: I Sam. 15:23-24)

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NOTE: God allowed Satan to entice David to number Israel (SEE: I Chron. 21:1-4)

Why was it wrong for David to number Israel? His trust had shifted from God (EX: his victory over Goliath) to his military resources.

It was pride, an inflated ego, that called for the census.

SEE: Swindoll, p. 147

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CONCLUSION:

SEE: Psalm 32

SEE: Psalm 51

David's sin was great, but his repentance was greater.

His sin was really selfish, but his penitence was really sincere (marked by travail of soul, a longing to be free from the pollutants of the spirit).

Perhaps what you need today is a good cry (to mourn) over sin (II Cor. 7:10)

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