

Psalm 51

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Psalm 51 (NASB)

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the music director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithfulness; according to the greatness of Your compassion, wipe out my wrongdoings. ² Wash me thoroughly from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my wrongdoings, and my sin is constantly before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in guilt, and in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in secret You will make wisdom known to me. ⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; cleanse me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness, let the bones You have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins and wipe out all my guilty deeds.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³ *Then* I will teach wrongdoers Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

¹⁴ Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God, the God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. ¹⁵ Lord, open my lips, so that my mouth may declare Your praise. ¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, God, You will not despise. ¹⁸ By Your favor do good to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.