

March 10, 2021: Psalm 51 A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

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

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

**4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment.**

5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**6 You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

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

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right 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 in me a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

and sinners will return to you.

**14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.**

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*18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,*

*19 then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.*