

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### Psalm 51 NKJV

1

Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
Blot out my transgressions.

2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

3

For I acknowledge my transgressions,  
And my sin *is* always before me.

4

Against You, You only, have I sinned,  
And done *this* evil in Your sight—  
— — —

7

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

8

Make me hear joy and gladness,  
*That* the bones You have broken may rejoice.

9

Hide Your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my iniquities.

10

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51 is one of the greatest pictures of repentance in the Bible...  
David writes this to the Lord after he is confronted by Nathan the prophet after he sinned with Bathsheba...

David says this:

**Vs. 1**

Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
Blot out my transgressions.

- David's penitent heart is broken before God and his hope is established in the fact that he knows that, God is merciful...

God is Merciful  
He is Merciful to the Humble...

**2 Chronicles 7:14**

**13** "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people,  
**14** if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

We model our week of prayer after this Biblical pattern that God gives...

1st - We Humble Ourselves

2nd - We Pray

3rd - We Seek His Face and turn from Wickedness

4th - God promises when we do that, he will hear us from Heaven...

Forgive our sins and heal...

## **Humble:**

- a. not proud or haughty : not arrogant or assertive
- b. reflecting a spirit of submission
- c. ranking low
- d. To Bow the Knee

Humility is different from Humiliation:

Embarrassment is not the same as being Humble...

Humiliation is when something around me to bring me low...

Humility is when I voluntarily place myself there...

God is Gracious to the Humble...

## **Here is what God's word says about the Humble:**

### **Proverbs 18:12**

Before his downfall a man's heart is **proud**, but humility comes before honor

### **2 Samuel 22:28**

You save the **humble**, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.

### **2 Chronicles 12:12**

Because Rehoboam **humbled** himself, the LORD's anger turned from him,

### **2 Chronicles 33**

**12** In his distress (King Manasseh) sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. **13** And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea;

### **Psalm 10:17**

Lord, You have heard the desire of the **humble**; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

### **Psalm 18:27**

You save the **humble** but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

### **Psalm 25:9**

The Lord guides the **humble** in what is right and teaches them his way.

### **Psalm 147:6**

The LORD sustains the **humble** but casts the wicked to the ground.

### **Psalm 149:4**

For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the **humble** with salvation.

### **Proverbs 3:34**

Surely He scorns the mocker, But gives grace to the **humble**.

### **Proverbs 11:2**

When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the **humble** is wisdom.

### **Isaiah 66:2**

“This is the one I esteem, declares the LORD: he who is **humble** and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

God uses the Humble and without humility the Lord will not use a man or woman...

Every person in the Bible that God used he humbled:

### **Exodus 3**

#### Moses and the Burning Bush

**2** There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not

burn up. **3** So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight — why the bush does not burn up.”

**4** When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

**5** “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” **6** Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

- Moses had a burning bush...
- Jacob wrestled with the Lord and walked with a limp...
- Isaiah saw the Lord and said wow is me I am undone, I am a man of unclean lips...
- Peter denied Jesus...
- The other Disciples abandoned Jesus...
- Paul had a road to Damascus encounter...

God humbles us because he is Holy and when God begins to move in a church he does this in hearts...

This is how you know God is moving...

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Closing:

**Matthew 5:8**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.