

Create in Me a Clean Heart Part 2

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—

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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 a powerful pictures of repentance...

David writes this to the Lord after being confronted by Nathan the prophet because he had 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 knows God is Merciful

He is Loving... He is Kind... He is Tender in mercy...

He is Merciful to the Humble

He is Merciful to the Broken

Exodus 33

18 Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, show me Your glory."

19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **20** But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. **22** When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Exodus 34

4 So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. **5** Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. **6** And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,

abounding in love and faithfulness, **7** maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished;

In coming to God you have to know he is Gracious and Compassionate, slow to anger and abounding (rich) in love and faithfulness...

Forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin...

Vs. 2

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

Iniquity: perversity, depravity. Also likened to a bent nature.

Romans 8

6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Paul says:

to be carnally minded *is* death...

the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be...

That bent nature can not please God...

That bent nature is impossible...

Story: One person said to me Pastor Josh that's just the way some people are, they can't change, they've tried...

I say; now we're getting somewhere, you nailed it...
We can't change ourselves... That's why we need Jesus...
That's the difference between secularism and Christianity

Secularism is your best effort without God.

Christianity is your best effort with God...

Remember what Jesus said "if anyone would to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

The Cross is a symbol of death...

That means to live for Christ I must to die to myself... Josh has got to go...

That is what real surrender to Jesus looks like...

Christianity means:

We humble ourselves at the foot of the Cross and we die to our flesh...

We surrender all to Jesus...

And we live by the Power of the Holy Spirit...

If you want to know the power of the Spirit you first have to die to your flesh...

Romans 8

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Vs. 3,4

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—

- Forgiveness from God comes when we confess our sins to Him...
- David realized it was not only one, but multiple transgressions. He did this without excuse, blame-shifting, or rationalization.
- In the many months between the time David committed these sins and his confession, his sin was always before him. He did his best to ignore it and deny it, but as a genuine child of God he could not escape it. He was in unconfessed sin, and *miserable* in it, as a child of God should be.

Because David acknowledged and confessed his sin to God, God was merciful to him...

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- There is a great assurance that comes from this...
- If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins...
- My Youth Pastor use to say; “God already knows, you might as well confess it to Him.”

Vs. 7

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

- In the Levitical law it was the priests who used **hyssop** to sprinkle the purifying water. Here David petitions the Lord to be his priest and take the hyssop and declare him cleansed from all sin.
- David didn't think for a moment that he could cleanse himself. David looked for *God* to do a work of spiritual cleansing in his life.

Vs. 10

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

David felt that it wasn't enough for God to simply cleaned up the heart he had. His plea was, God create in me a *new heart*, a clean heart. In this David anticipated one of the great promises of the Bible in Ezekiel 36:26 "*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*"

Isn't that something only God can do...
It truly is one of the greatest miracles you will ever see...
God makes all things new... Even hearts...

Closing: Worship Song

1 Timothy 1:15

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

That's what Jesus does:

He saves sinners

He provides forgiveness

He exchanges hearts of stone for a heart of flesh

He gives us a new heart that is clean

He renews us with a steadfast spirit

He gives hope to hopeless situations

He really is a wonderful Savior