

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Part 4

### Psalm 51

1

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

2

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3

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

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Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

5

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

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Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**11**

Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**12**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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**16**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

**17**

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.

- King David is broken and repentant to God for his sin...
- He doesn't hide anything but in true repentance admits his guilt to God...
- David's appeal is to the God's merciful nature...
- He doesn't place blame or make any excuses, he takes ownership of his wrong, knowing that God sees it all...

Then in notice what David says in

**Vs. 11,12**

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- If anyone witnessed the effects of an unrepentant heart it was David with the life of Saul...

- Saul was disobedient to God and as a result the Bible says in that God took his spirit from him and gave him over to a tormenting spirit...

## 1 Samuel 15

**7** Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt. **8** He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. **9** But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves[b] and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

**10** Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: **11** “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”

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**13** When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord’s instructions.”

**14** But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”

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**17** Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. **18** And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ **19** Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?”

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**22** But Samuel replied:

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice,

and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

## 1 Samuel 16

**13** So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**14** Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

- David witnessed how God took his spirit away from Saul and was tormented after...
  - Ironically David was the one hired to come and play the harp for Saul in his castle...
  - David was the one dodging spears from Saul, when Saul would try to kill David in a fit of rage...
  - God's Spirit was no longer on Saul...
  - Saul was tormented by an evil spirit...
- David would reflect over Saul's life and lament to God these words...

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David witnessed what happens when a heart is unrepentant to God...

**David fell into sin when he was tempted...**

**We know from Scripture that Temptation comes from two places:**

1. The Devil will tempt
2. A person is tempted by their own evil desires

**Jesus was tempted by the Devil**

**Matthew 4:1**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

**Luke 4**

**13** Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

**14** Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee

Without going into great detail on the significance of the Wilderness and the ways that Satan tempted Jesus; the bottom line is Satan will always promise you a bill of Goods that he never intends to produce...

Temptation is always a diversion...

Adam and Eve had a purpose in the Garden and satan brought a diversion...

The Israelites were never meant to stay in the desert for 40 years but they fell in to the temptation to grumble and doubt God and it was a diversion...

David was anointed to be a victorious king and he fell into a diversion...

Satan wanted nothing more than to stop Jesus from accomplishing the plan the Father had for him...

Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, yet without sin...  
Jesus is triumphant over temptation and fulfilled the will of God...

**Notice this: Jesus Ministry doesn't begin until after he was tempted by the devil in the wilderness and overcame...**

## **Second a person is tempted by their own evil desires**

**James 1:13-16** NIV

**13** When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

**14** but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

- Springing forth from evil **desire** is **sin**. Springing forth from **sin** is **death**. This progression to death is an inevitable result that Satan always tries to hide.
- Satan's great strategy in temptation is to convince us that the pursuit of our corrupt desires will somehow produce life and goodness.
- If we remember that Satan only comes *to steal, and to kill, and to destroy* (John 10:10), then we can more effectively resist the deceptions of temptation.

James continues

**Vs. 16,17**

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

What is James talking about when he says do not be deceived?

Just like Adam and Eve were deceived in the Garden, temptation is deceiving...

James then reminds us; every good and perfect gift comes from above...

The Devil is not a gift giver... He is a thief...

- On the other side of the temptation that James speaks of is the Gift of God.
- On the other side of the temptation that Jesus faced was the call of God

Victory over temptation leads to the Gifts and the Callings of God...

### **Romans 11:29**

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

**without repentance: unregretted, without regret**

“For the gifts and calling of God are without regret.”

These things you will never regret...

There are many things that lead to regret; but a person will pay no regret to the Gifts of God or the Calling of God...

It is the reward of God to those who overcome temptation...

### **Closing Song**

#### **2 Corinthians 4:17,18** NIV

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”