

A close-up photograph of a person's hands cupped together, holding water. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled. The water is clear and reflects the light from the sun. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges, yellows, and soft blues. Overlaid on the image is the text 'Psalm 51' in a white, elegant script font. The text is framed by a thin white rectangular border that has a slightly distressed or hand-drawn appearance. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, with the word 'Psalm' in a larger, more decorative script and '51' in a slightly smaller, simpler script.

Psalm 51

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For the choir director. A psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him after he had gone to Bathsheba.

¹ Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion. ² Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you — you alone — I have sinned and done this evil in your sight. So you are right when you pass sentence; you are blameless when you judge.

□ *Psalm 51* □

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⁵ Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire integrity in the inner self, and you teach me wisdom deep within. ⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Turn your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt.

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¹⁰ God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God — God of my salvation — and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

□ *Psalm 51* □

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¹⁵ Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it; you are not pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God. ¹⁸ In your good pleasure, cause Zion to prosper; build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will delight in righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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BASIS OF DAVID'S APPEAL

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Luke 15

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.'

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- ABUNDANT COMPASSION

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Luke 18

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people — greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’ ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.’

□ *Psalm 51* □

Luke 18

¹³ “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’
¹⁴ I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

□ *Psalm 51* □

Ephesians 2

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶ He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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Ephesians 2

⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

□ Psalm 51 □

THE PASSIONATE APPEAL

- **BLOT OUT**

□ *Psalm 51* □

Exodus 32

³⁰ The following day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a grave sin. Now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I will be able to atone for your sin." ³¹ So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, these people have committed a grave sin; they have made a god of gold for themselves. ³² Now if you would only forgive their sin. But if not, please erase me from the book you have written."

□ Psalm 51 □

Colossians 2

¹⁴ He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

□ Psalm 51 □

THE PASSIONATE APPEAL

- BLOT OUT
- COMPLETELY WASH

□ *Psalm 51* □

THE PASSIONATE APPEAL

- BLOT OUT
- COMPLETELY WASH
- CLEANS

□ *Psalm 51* □

THREE SPECIAL WORDS ...

- REBELLION
- GUILT
- SIN

□ *Psalm 51* □

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small amount of water, with the sun setting in the background, creating a warm, golden glow. The hand is positioned in the lower half of the frame, and the water is being held in the palm. The background shows the sun low on the horizon, with its light reflecting on the water's surface.

1 John 1

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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A photograph of a person's hands cupped together in shallow water, with a bright sunset in the background. The hands are wet and glistening. The text 'Psalm 51' is written in a white, elegant script font across the center of the image, enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

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