

# The Life of David Pointing to Jesus Christ

Psalm 51

## Psalm 51 (*free translation*)

- 1 Be gracious to me, O God,  
According to Your kindness;  
According to the abundance of Your compassions,  
Wipe away my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my depravity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I am acknowledging my transgressions,  
And my sin is continually in front of me.
- 4 Against You, against You alone, I sinned,  
And I did evil in Your eyes —  
So You shall be just in Your words,  
You shall be clear in Your judgments.
- 5 Behold, I was birthed in depravity,  
And in sin, my mother, she conceived me.
- 6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward parts,  
And in the hidden part You are causing me to know wisdom.
- 7 You shall cleanse me in hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
You shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 You shall let me hear joy and gladness,  
And the bones You crushed shall rejoice.

Post-teaching questions for discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

- 9 Conceal Your face from my sins,  
And wipe out all my depravities.
- 10 Create for me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not be casting me away from Your presence,  
And do not be taking Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And sustain me in a spirit of willingness.
- 13 I shall teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners, they shall return to You.
- 14 Rescue me from bloodshed, O God,  
God of my salvation,  
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- 15 My Lord, You shall open my lips,  
And my mouth shall tell of Your praise.
- 16 That You are not delighting in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
You are not approving of burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a spirit being broken,  
A heart being broken and being crushed —  
These, O God, You shall not despise.

*The last 2 verses, 18 & 19 have been left out of our study on purpose due to time constraints. I chose not to cover these two verses b/c they seemed to connect more to God's covenant with David to build "him" a house and to establish it forever than with his sin against God and taking Uriah's wife. I felt that trying to make that connection would have been far too rushed. So, I encourage everyone to add those 2 verses to their own personal study of this Psalm.*

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