

## Series: Matters of the Heart

### *"A Clean Heart"*

*Psalm 51*

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#### **1. I tried to run from God and it made me miserable!**

*"Be gracious to me, God" (vs. 1)*

#### **The Misery that David Endured**

- Sin affected his sight—vs. 3  
*"For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me."*
- Sin affected his mind--vs. 6  
*"Surely You desire integrity in the inner self"*
- Sin affected his hearing—vs. 8a  
*"Let me hear joy and gladness"*
- Sin affected his body—vs. 8b  
*"let the bones You have crushed rejoice."*
- Sin affected his conscience—vs. 10a  
*"God, create a clean heart for me"*

- Sin affected his spirit—vs. 10b  
*“and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*
- Sin affected his heart—vs. 12  
*“Restore the joy of your salvation to me.”*
- Affected his testimony—vs. 14  
*“Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness.”*

## **2. I finally came clean with God and sought His forgiveness.**

- **He had confidence that God still loved him. (vs. 1)**

*“Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion.”*

- **He offered confession without alibis. (vss. 2-4)**

*“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.”*

## **3. I was willing to forgive myself. (v. 7)**

*“Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow”.*

#### **4. I am a new work of grace.**

- God helped David feel clean again. (vss. 7, 10)
- God helped David go forward. (vs. 10b)
- God helped David to be useful again. (vs.13)

#### **Psalm 51:16-17**

*"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."*