

Psalm 51 – Confessing and Cleansing  
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*“The thing David had done displeased the LORD” 2 Samuel 11:29*

*“Be sure your sin will find you out” Numbers 32:23*

**“David prays three things in Psalm 51: forgive me, cleanse me, and use me.” Warren Wiersbe**

- **Confession**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*  
Psalm 51:1-2

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.* Psalm 51:3-4

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.* Psalm 51:5-6

- **Cleansing**

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.* Psalm 51:7-12

**God will cleanse from sin.**

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* Psalm 51:7, 10

**God will renew our joy.**

*Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.* Psalm 51:8,12

**God will create a new sense of His presence.**

*Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.* Psalm 51:9,11

**“An unbeliever won’t care about being cast away from God’s presence because he was never close to God in the first place.” Charles Spurgeon**

**God makes us testimonies for Him.**

- **A New Service**

*Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not*

*delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*  
Psalm 51:13-17