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# A Glimpse of God Through the Eyes of David

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Psalm 51

Thursday, April 12

## **Psalm 51 (NLT)**

*For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
because of your unfailing love.  
Because of your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.
- 2 Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.
- 3 For I recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.
- 4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your sight.  
You will be proved right in what you say,  
and your judgment against me is just.
- 5 For I was born a sinner –  
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.
- 6 But you desire honesty from the womb,  
teaching me wisdom even there.
  
- 7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Oh, give me back my joy again;  
you have broken me –  
now let me rejoice.
- 9 Don't keep looking at my sins.  
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.

- 11 Do not banish me from your presence,  
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.
- 13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels,  
and they will return to you.
- 14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;  
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.
- 15 Unseal my lips, O Lord,  
that my mouth may praise you.
- 16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.  
You do not want a burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.  
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.
- 18 Look with favor on Zion and help her;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit –  
with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.  
Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.



