

## Psalm 51

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(Psalm 51) (1) For the leader. A psalm of David, (2) when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had gone in to Bathsheba. (3) Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions. (4) Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me. (5) For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me. (6) Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes So that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment. (7) Behold, I was born in guilt, in sin my mother conceived me. (8) Behold, you desire true sincerity; and secretly you teach me wisdom. (9) Cleanse me with hyssop, that I may be pure; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. (10) You will let me hear gladness and joy; the bones you have crushed will rejoice. (11) Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities. (12) A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit. (13) Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit. (14) Restore to me the gladness of your salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit. (15) I will teach the wicked your ways, that sinners may return to you. (16) Rescue me from violent bloodshed, God, my saving God, and my tongue will sing joyfully of your justice. (17) Lord, you will open my lips; and my mouth will proclaim your praise. (18) For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it; a burnt offering you would not accept. (19) My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn. (20) Treat Zion kindly according to your good will; build up the walls of Jerusalem. (21) Then you will desire the sacrifices of the just, burnt offering and whole offerings; then they will offer up young bulls on your altar.

(Ezekiel 36:25-28) – (25) I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. (26) I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (27) I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. (28) You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

(Ezekiel 11:19-21) – (19) And I will give them another heart and a new spirit I will put within them. From their bodies I will remove the hearts of stone, and give them hearts of flesh, (20) so that they walk according to my statutes, taking care to keep my ordinances. Thus they will be my people, and I will be their God. (21) But as for those whose hearts

are devoted to their atrocities and abominations, I will bring their conduct down upon their heads—oracle of the Lord GOD.

(Ezekiel 16:9-10) - Then I bathed you with water, washed away your blood, and anointed you with oil. (10) I clothed you with an embroidered gown, (Baptism)

(Zechariah 13:1) - On that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to purify from sin and uncleanness.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) - So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

(Romans 6:2-4) – (2) How can we who died to sin yet live in it? (3) Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (4) We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

(John 15:5) - I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because **without me you can do nothing.** (*Hey Jenn, how many fish did Peter catch? (see John 21:3)*)

(Matthew 13:13-17) – (13) This is why I speak to them in parables, because ‘they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.’ (14) Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: ‘You shall indeed hear but not understand you shall indeed look but never see. (15) Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them.’ (16) “But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. (17) Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

(Ephesians 4:18) - darkened in understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance, because of their hardness of heart,

(1 Peter 2:9) - But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(Luke 18:27) - And he said, “What is impossible for human beings is possible for God.”

(Mark 10:27) - Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”

(Genesis 8:21) - When the LORD smelled the sweet odor, the LORD said to himself: Never again will I curse the ground because of human beings, since the desires of the

human heart are evil from youth; nor will I ever again strike down every living being, as I have done.

(Hebrews 11:7) - By faith Noah, warned about what was not yet seen, with reverence built an ark for the salvation of his household. Through this he condemned the world and inherited the righteousness that comes through faith.

(Hebrews 11:1) - Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence<sup>\*</sup> of things not seen.

(Galatians 2:20) - yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.

(2 Corinthians 4:18) - as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

(Ezekiel 18:12-17) – (12) oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not give back a pledge, raises his eyes to idols, does abominable things, (13) lends at interest and exacts usury—this son certainly shall not live. Because he practiced all these abominations, he shall surely be put to death; his own blood shall be on him. (14) But, in turn, if he begets a son who sees all the sins his father commits, yet fears and does not imitate him— (15) a son who does not eat on the mountains, or raise his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile a neighbor's wife; (16) who does not oppress anyone, or exact a pledge, or commit robbery; who gives his food to the hungry and clothes the naked; (17) who refrains from evil-doing, accepts no interest or usury, but keeps my ordinances and walks in my statutes—this one shall not die for the sins of his father. He shall surely live!

(Jude 1:17-23) (17) But you, beloved, remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, (18) for they told you, “In [the] last time there will be scoffers who will live according to their own godless desires.” (19) These are the ones who cause divisions; they live on the natural plane, devoid of the Spirit. (20) But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the holy Spirit. (21) Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. (22) On those who waver, have mercy; (23) save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh.

(Colossians 1:13-14) – (13) He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Ephesians 2:1-8) – (1) You were dead in your transgressions and sins (2) in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. (3) All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by

nature children of wrath, like the rest. (4) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, (7) that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;

(Acts 8:21-22) – (21) You have no share or lot in this matter, for your heart is not upright before God. (22) Repent of this wickedness of yours and pray to the Lord that, if possible, your intention may be forgiven.

## **Heart**

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22) – (21) But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; (22) he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

(Luke 24:32) - “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

(Galatians 4:6-7) – (6) As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” (7) So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

(Jeremiah 31:33) – But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days—oracle of the LORD. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

(2 Corinthians 3:1-6) – (1) Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? (2) You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, (3) shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. (4) Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. (5) Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, (6) who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.

(Romans 5:5) - and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

(Luke 2:35) - (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

(Joel 2:12-13) – (12) Yet even now—oracle of the LORD—return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. (13) Rend your hearts, not your garments,

and return to the LORD, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment.

(Matthew 11:29-30) – (29) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

(Romans 10:9-10) – (9) for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

(Hebrews 10:15-17) – (15) The holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying: (16) “This is the covenant I will establish with them after those days, says the Lord: ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them upon their minds,’” (17) he also says: “Their sins and their evildoing I will remember no more.”

(Ephesians 6:22) - I am sending him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us and that he may encourage your hearts.

## **Spirit**

(Soul = Mind, Will, Emotion)

(John 7:37-39) – (37) On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’” (39) He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

(Sirach 39:6-8) – (6) If it pleases the Lord Almighty, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; He will pour forth his words of wisdom and in prayer give praise to the Lord. (7) He will direct his knowledge and his counsel, as he meditates upon God’s mysteries. (8) He will show the wisdom of what he has learned and glory in the Law of the Lord’s covenant.

(Galatians 5:22-25) – (22) In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, **self-control**. Against such there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20) – (19) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? (20) **For you have been purchased at a price**. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

(Acts 2:16-21) – (16) No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel (3:1-4): (17) ‘It will come to pass in the last days,’ God says, ‘that I will pour out a portion of my spirit

upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. (18) Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. (19) And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. (20) The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, (21) and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.’

(Joel 3:5) Then everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD will escape harm. For on Mount Zion there will be a remnant, as the LORD has said, And in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD will summon.

(John 13:34-35) – (34) I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (35) This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

(John 14:16-21) – (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, (17) the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. (19) In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. (20) On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. (21) Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

(John 14:23) - Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

(John 14:26) - The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.

(Acts 1:4-5) – (4) While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; (5) for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.”

(Acts 8:14-17) – (14) Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, (15) who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, (16) for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (17) Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit.

(Acts 19:4-6) – (4) Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” (5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul laid

[his] hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

(Ephesians 4:30-32) – (30) And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. (31) All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. (32) [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

(Luke 1:15) - for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb,

(Colossians 2:11-13) – (11) In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by hand, by stripping off the carnal body, with the circumcision of Christ. (12) You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (13) And even when you were dead [in] transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions;

(Galatians 3:26-29) - For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. (27) For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

### **Closing Prayers**

(Acts 8:26-39) (26) Then the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, "Get up and head south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert route." (27) So he got up and set out. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, that is, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury, who had come to Jerusalem to worship, (28) and was returning home. Seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. (29) The Spirit said to Philip, "Go and join up with that chariot." (30) Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" (31) He replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him. (32) This was the scripture passage he was reading: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opened not his mouth. (33) In (his) humiliation justice was denied him. Who will tell of his posterity? For his life is taken from the earth." (34) Then the eunuch said to Philip in reply, "I beg you, about whom is the prophet saying this? About himself, or about someone else?" (35) Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning with this scripture passage, he proclaimed Jesus to him. (36) As they traveled along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, there is water. What is to prevent my being baptized?" (37) (38) Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and he baptized him. (39) When they came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, but continued on his way rejoicing.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) – (4) Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, (5) it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, (6) it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. (7) It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

Father, I believe in my heart that Jesus died for me, and that You raised him from the dead for me. I accept the gift of a new heart in Christ. Jesus is Lord! He is my lord, and You have made him Lord, on my behalf, over all things. I accept your Holy Spirit into my heart, to move and lead me toward my new life of love. I claim it in Jesus' Name. Thank you. ([Thank you](#))