

# Poems, Prayers & Promises



# **Have Mercy On Me, O God**



## Psalm 51:1-19 (ESV)

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! 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 51:1-19 (ESV)

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. 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.



## Psalm 51:1-19 (ESV)

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. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.



## Psalm 51:1-19 (ESV)

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 51:1-19 (ESV)

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.



# The Problem of Sin





# Psalm 51:1 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your **steadfast love**;  
according to your **abundant mercy** blot out my transgressions.



# Psalm 51:2 (ESV)

**Wash me thoroughly** from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.



Psalm 51:4 (ESV)

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.

2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV)

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”



# Who Do We Sin Against?

Municipal codes and ordinances – “against the law”

God’s perfect law and commandments – “against the Lord”

# Psalm 51:5 (ESV)

Behold, I was brought forth **in iniquity**, and **in sin** did my mother conceive me.



# The Depth of Sin

Total (complete) Depravity:

- Sin nature affects every fiber of our being
- Sin nature is passed down from generation to generation
- Sin nature causes us to sin naturally
- Sin leaves us in a helpless state

# **The Solution to Sin**



# Psalm 51:1-19 (ESV)

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 51:7 (ESV)

Purge me with **hyssop**, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



# Hyssop in the Bible

“The priest shall command them to take for him who is to be cleansed two live clean birds and cedarwood and scarlet yarn and **hyssop**. And the priest shall command them to kill one of the birds in an earthenware vessel over fresh water. He shall take the live bird with the cedarwood and the scarlet yarn and the **hyssop**, and dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the fresh water.” – Lev. 14:4, 6

# Hyssop in the Bible

“And for the cleansing of the house he shall take two small birds, with cedarwood and scarlet yarn and **hyssop**, and shall kill one of the birds in an earthenware vessel over fresh water and shall take the cedarwood and the **hyssop** and the scarlet yarn, along with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the bird that was killed and in the fresh water and sprinkle the house seven times. Thus he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the fresh water and with the live bird and with the cedarwood and **hyssop** and scarlet yarn.” – Lev. 14:49-52

# Hyssop in the Bible

“Take a bunch of **hyssop** and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.” – Exodus 12:22

# Hyssop in the Bible

“After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a **hyssop** branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

– John 19:28-30

## Psalm 51:8-9 (ESV)

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.



## Psalm 51:8-9 (ESV)

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.



# Psalm 51:8-9 (ESV)

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.**





## Psalm 51:10-12 (ESV)

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.



# **The Restoration from Sin**



## Psalm 51:13-15 (ESV)

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.



## Psalm 51:16-17 (ESV)

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 51:18-19 (ESV)

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; **build up the walls of Jerusalem**; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.



# Building Up Jerusalem

“Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 2 Sam. 7:17

David is looking forward to the future fulfillment of all Israel could be, through the true and faithful Israel, Christ Jesus!

# Applying the Word



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