




Cleanse My Heart

Psalm 51
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Introductory Thoughts

The great tree in Colorado.

With the same kind of attack sin can overtake us.

The Christian looks at sin and determines to go the other direction sometimes sin begins to creep in little by little one day like the giant tree crashing down we find a once faithful Christian who has turned his back on God .

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Introductory Thoughts

**Nathan the prophet confronts David –
2 Samuel 11:1 - 12:25.**

**The words of Psalm 51 appear to be David's
prayer following this confrontation.**

**The early Christians also were fond of reciting
this Psalm of confession in their worship.**

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The Seriousness of Sin

**The Bible (and therefore God) takes sin
seriously.**

**In the first two verses of Psalm 51 there are
three words used for sin.**

Transgressions
Iniquity
Sin

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The Seriousness of Sin

**One writer described how we have
rationalized and euphemized away sin.**

Still the scriptures call sin by its name.

1 John 3:4 – John 1:29 – Romans 6:23

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A Prayer for Forgiveness


**That is literally what we have in Psalm 51,
similar to what James commands in
James 5:16**

Purge me – verse 7

Make me joyful again – verse 8

Blot out my iniquities – verse 9

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A Clean Heart


Psalm 51:10

*The Psalmist is asking for a big change in his life
"Create" a clean heart, only God can create
"Renew" a right spirit, only God can completely
forgive*

**The conscience that has been properly
trained is a powerful thing.**

Acts 2:37 – John 8:9 – 1 Timothy 1:19

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A Clean Heart

**The conscience that has been abused is a
terrible thing.**



1 Timothy 4:2 – Titus 1:15

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A Clean Heart

I want to be like David.

***As bad as his sin was,
He knew that God was bigger.
He knew that God could and would forgive.
He was ready to stand with a pure heart and a renewed spirit.
And there we find hope for our lives!***



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Closing Thoughts

What happens now?

David pleads for forgiveness.

We understand that forgiveness awaits those who will repent.

Psalm 51:13-15.



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