

# Psalm 51

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To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

<sup>1</sup> **H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine

iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

<sup>13</sup> *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

<sup>16</sup> For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.