

Psalm 51 Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone into Bath-she-ba

King James Version (KJV) See 2Samuel-11 & 12

51 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. (Adultery with Bathsheba, murder of her husband, Uriah)

² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. (No excuses, no denial from David)

⁴ 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. (clear=> moral purity that belongs only to God)

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. (To be born in the flesh leads us to sin. The flesh is weak. David's parents were also sinners, as are all men.)

⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. (Confess to God privately, not in a side show)

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Lev-14... Hyssop was used to cleanse lepers. Also used to cleans after coming into contact with death.)

⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (right= steadfast, upright)

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. (Reject him not, as Saul was cast off from God)

¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. (With thy - was added. Not in the manuscripts)

¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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

(bloodguiltiness= murder) (1Chronicles-22:8 -> David was not allowed to build the temple of God)

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

¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. (No sacrifice to atone for murder)
See 2Samuel-12 -> for David's chastisement...

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (David humbled himself in his repentance)

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

¹⁹ 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.

To the chief musician

David repents for these sins (Adultery and murder)

Verses 18-19 may be prophetic for Hezekiah's time, or possibly they were added BY Hezekiah)