

Scripture

Psalm 51 (NLT)

A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.**
- 2 Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.**
- 3 For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.**

- 11 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.
- 5 For I was born a sinner— yes, from the
moment my mother conceived me.
- 6 But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.
- 7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.

- 9 Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- 11 Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
- 13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels,
and they will return to you.
- 14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who
saves; then I will joyfully sing of your
forgiveness.
- 15 Unseal my lips, O Lord,
that my mouth may praise you.

- 16 You do not desire a sacrifice,
or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You will not reject a broken and repentant
heart, O God.
- 18 Look with favor on Zion and help her;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will be pleased with sacrifices
offered in the right spirit—
with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.
Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.