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Psalm 51: 1-17

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. **5** Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. **6** Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. **7** Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. **8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. **10** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **11** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. **14** Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. **15** Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. **16** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. **17** My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:5 states we are born guilty, already a sinner when conceived.

King David beseeches the Lord to forgive him, to teach him and to purify him. God is so awesome that when we ask Him to “purge” us of our transgressions, and are truly repentant He is able and willing to cleanse us.

Man is by nature sinful and “we want what we want” whether or not it is right and honorable. David recognizes this and tells God that he (David) knows just how sinful he has been. He realizes that his life is meaningless without Gods’ love and blessings.

Jesus cleansed us from our sin and transgressions by going to the cross. We have to meet Him half way, by repenting and requesting that He forgive us. The very act of praying takes us to the heart of God. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf and God only hears our praises and sees us through a “clean” lens. Lent reminds us of this sacrifice. How many of us would be willing to go to the cross for our loved ones let alone those we don’t even know. Future generations will be blessed and forgiven, because of what Jesus has done for us. Let us not minimize this sacrifice given for us in order to purify us in Gods eyes, but let our hearts and spirits acknowledge we are sinners, repent of our sins and turn again to the God of our fathers who loves us and wants the best for us always.

Prayer: Oh Lord God, forgive me and help me to be the kind of person that pleases you , may I be a light in the world and not a stumbling block to others. Let me truly know your joy and peace. Amen

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