

## Psalm 51:1-19 **David's prayer after He killed Uriah for Bathsheba**

### *A Prayer of Repentance*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Elohiym (God), According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight – That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge.
  
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will 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 hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O Elohiym (God), And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
  
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O Elohiym (God), Elohey (The God of) my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
  
- <sup>15</sup> O Adonay (Lord), open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of Elohiym (God) *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart – These, O Elohiym (God), You will not despise.
  
- <sup>18</sup> Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- <sup>19</sup> Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Have mercy upon me, O Elohiym (God), According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight — That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge. [Psalm 51:1-4]

- ✧ David prayed for mercy and asked for his sins to be blotted out and for his cleansing.
- ✧ His prayer for mercy was accompanied with confession of his sin.
- ✧ He acknowledged the righteous justice of Elohiym in judgment.
- ✧ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom. [Psalm 51:5-6]
  - ✧ David acknowledged his human weakness and acknowledged that Elohiym still desires us to be true to Him in our choices and actions.
  - ✧ David acknowledged that in our conscience (inward parts) Elohiym will make us know wisdom when we are sensitive to His leading.
- ✧ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O Elohiym (God), And renew a steadfast spirit within me. [Psalm 51:7-10]
  - ✧ Only Elohiym can cleans us from our sins often by chastening those He loves.
  - ✧ Elohiym's cleansing is complete giving us joy and gladness with healing of the soul.
  - ✧ Not only does David desire cleansing, but he seeks the blotting out of his iniquity.
  - ✧ "Create in me a clean heart, O Elohiym (God), And renew a steadfast spirit within me."
  - ✧ We all need to pray this prayer.
- ✧ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O Elohiym (God), Elohey (The God of) my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. [Psalm 51:11-14]
  - ✧ Yahweh took His Holy Spirit from Saul as David witnessed so with this sin David has valid reason to fear experiencing the same. [1 Samuel 16:14]
  - ✧ David requested full reconciliation with Elohiym, with the promise to openly sing of His righteousness.
- ✧ O Adonay (Lord), open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohiym (God) *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart — These, O Elohiym (God), You will not despise. [Psalm 51:15-17]
  - ✧ David acknowledged that sacrifice and offerings is not what the Lord desires, but that He will accept a broken and contrite heart.
- ✧ Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar. [Psalm 51:18-19]
  - ✧ David appealed for Jerusalem acknowledging that God will be pleased with the sacrifices and offerings of righteous men.