

# **RESTORING A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

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**PSALM 51**





# HACKED IN 2015

## Estimated over 400 Church Leaders

**Proverbs 28:13** -- He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

**Psalms 90:8** -- You have placed our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

**Psalms 19:12** -- Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.



**2 Kings 17:9** -- The sons of Israel did things secretly which were not right against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city.

**Job 24:16** -- In the dark they dig into houses, They shut themselves up by day; They do not know the light.

**Isaiah 29:15** -- Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?"

**Ezekiel 8:12** -- Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

**Ephesians 5:12** -- for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

**Job 24:14** -- The murderer arises at dawn; He kills the poor and the needy, And at night he is as a thief.

**Proverbs 7:8** -- Passing through the street near her corner;  
And he takes the way to her house,

**Proverbs 7:9** -- In the twilight, in the evening, In the middle  
of the night and in the darkness.

**John 3:20** -- For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and  
does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be  
exposed.

**Romans 13:12** -- The night is almost gone, and the day is near Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**Ephesians 5:11** -- Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

**1 Thessalonians 5:7** -- For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

# CONTEXT OF PSALM 51

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

2 Samuel 11-12



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## NO SUCH THING AS A SIMPLE SIN...

Sin will always  
take you farther  
than you want  
to go...

Keep you  
longer than you  
want to stay...

And cost you  
more than you  
want to pay.

**Psalm 51:**

- **Restoration  
begins with  
right thinking.**

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**You must have a healthy view of God.  
(1a, 18-19)**

**Gracious**

**Merciful**

**Good**

**Holy**

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**You must have an honest view of yourself. (1b-9)**

## **Sinner (1b-2)**

Three words describing one offense...

Transgression –  
outward rebellion

Iniquity –  
deliberately twisting

Sin –  
miss the mark



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## **Sinner (3-6)**

Guilty based on your  
own conscience.

Guilty based on your  
own conduct.

Guilty based on your  
own conception.

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own conscience.

(vs. 3) “I know... ever  
before me”

(vs. 4) “I sinned and have  
done what is evil”

(vs. 5) “I was brought  
forth in iniquity...”

(vs. 6) “truth in the  
inward being... wisdom  
in secret heart”

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**You must have an honest view of yourself.  
(1b-9)**

**Saint (7-9)**

I shall be clean.  
(vs. 7a)

I shall be whiter  
than snow. (vs. 7b)

I shall be guilt-  
free. (vs. 8-9)

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**vs. 7-9:**

**Purge me** with hyssop (ceremonial purification) –  
BEFORE GOD

**Wash me** (removal of dirt from clothes) – BEFORE  
YOURSELF

**Blot out** all my iniquities (erasure from human records)  
– BEFORE OTHERS

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**Vs. 1b-2:**

Blot out (1)

Wash me (2a)

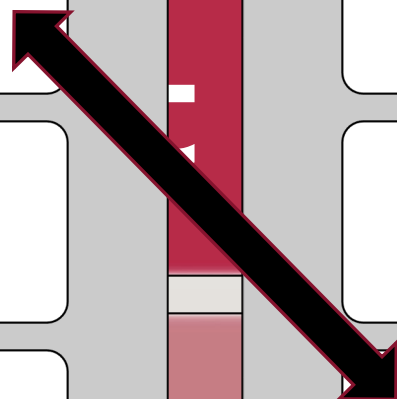
Cleanse me (2b)

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Blot out (9)





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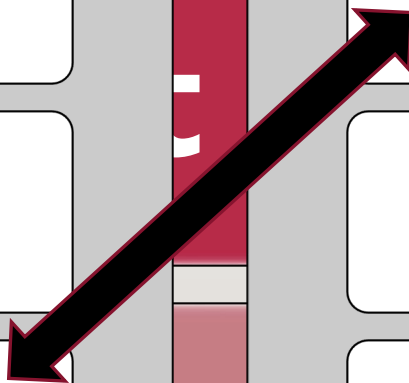
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**Psalm 51:**

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**Cry out to God in prayer. (10-12)**

For a revived inner  
man (10)

For a renewed  
confidence in  
God's presence  
and power (11)

For a restored  
feeling of joy and  
security (12)

- **Restoration produces right action.**

Share God's goodness with others. (13)

Speak with humility.

As a fellow transgressor  
and sinner

Point them to God.

As a joyful recipient of  
God's grace



- **Restoration produces right action.**

Lift up your voice in praise. (14-17)

Free from guilt  
(14)

Free from  
shame (15)

Free from  
hypocrisy (16-  
17)

# APPLICATION:

Stop  
running  
from the  
Holy Spirit.

Rest in the  
forgiveness  
offered by  
God.

Worship  
God with  
renewed  
zeal.

