



# DISCIPLE

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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 21\_6e PSALMS

**Passage:** Psalms 51

## **Penitential Psalms**

- Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- “penitence” - “feeling or showing sorrow and regret for have done wrong; repentance of sins”.

## **Blessed Are the Forgiven** (Psalm 32:1-2)

- ★ “Blessed” is in the plural - this person is **abundantly** blessed by God.
- ★ God’s **readiness** to forgive.

## **What Is Repentance? -**

- ONLY those who continually REPENT of their sins go to heaven. (Luke 13:1-5)
- Repentance is EMPHASIZED in the Gospel of the New Testament.
- Repentance is a forsaking sin (lawlessness) and turning to obedience to the *written* Word of God. Anything less is NOT REPENTANCE.

**REMINDER: David’s sin was presumptuous! According to the LAW there was no atonement for deliberate/presumptuous sins!** (Number 15:30-31) - meditate on the “because” in verse 31.

**HENCE:** Psalm 51:16 - “For You do not desire/want/delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.”

## **Have Mercy Upon Me, O God** (Psalm 51:1)

- **THE ONLY HOPE FOR A PRESUMPTUOUS SINNER IS GOD’S MERCY!**
- MERCY IS NOT FREE!
- God bestowing mercy on sinners is NOTHING like a human judge bestowing mercy on a criminal.



- God bestows His mercy on whom He wishes and withholds His mercy on whomever He wishes. (Romans 9:18)
- God's JUSTICE must FIRST be satisfied before He can bestow His mercy.
- (Luke 18:9-14) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector.  
"God, **be merciful** to me the sinner."

## According to Your Abundance . . . (Psalm 51:1)

### The "WORK" of FORGIVENESS (Psalm 51:1-12)

- (v. 1) BLOT OUT. (Isaiah 43:25)
- (v. 2) WASH ME THOROUGHLY. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- (v. 2) CLEANSE ME. (See Psalm 19:12)

### I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS (REBELLION), AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.

(v. 3)

### AGAINST YOU, YOU ONLY, HAVE I SINNED, AND DONE EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT.

(v. 4)

- (v. 7) PURGE ME.
- (v. 8) MAKE ME HEAR JOY and GLADNESS.
- (v. 9) HIDE YOUR FACE from MY SINS.
- (v. 9) BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITIES.
- (v. 10) CREATE in ME a CLEAN HEART (mind, will, emotions).
- (v. 10) RENEW in ME a STEADFAST SPIRIT.
- (v. 11) DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE.
- (v. 11) DO NOT TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. (See 1 Thess 5:19; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18; Galatians 5:16)
- (v. 12) RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION.
- (v. 12) UPHOLD ME by YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT. (Psalm 17:5; 19:13; 119:116-117, 133)

### The ONLY Sacrifice for Presumptuous Sin (Psalm 51:16-17)

- ★ MARK WELL: This and this alone is what God accepts! MEDITATE!
- ★ God **delights** in nothing else!
- ★ There is NOTHING we can give/do to appease God when we sin against Him.
  - ① **A BROKEN SPIRIT** - Matthew 5:5; Luke 18:11-14
    - This is BROKENNESS over our sins. It is agreement with God how bad our sins are!

- As long as we justify ourselves, excuse ourselves, making small issue of our many sins, comparing ourselves to others our sins we will NEVER be reconciled to God!
- Using the excuse, “It’s okay! Jesus died for all my sins anyway! God has already forgiven me!”

② **A BROKEN and CONTRITE HEART**

- Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 66:1-3; 66:2; Ezek 9:3-4, 6.
- A contrite heart/spirit is one that is “crushed, crippled”. A contrite heart is one that **feels** the crushing weight of guilt and the depth of depravity, and at the same time accepts the righteous condemnation of sin. (Psalm 51:3-4)
- A contrite heart/spirit gives no excuses and does not blame others.

★ Broken and contrite heart is one that grieves in ***sinning against God!***  
(Psalm 51:4)

★ ***Only throwing ourselves on the mercy of God will He be pleased!***

★ **GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART!** (1 Samuel 16:7) **NOT OUR WORDS! NOT OUR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY!**

★ **NOTE:** Though the disciple has been forgiven for ALL his sins genuine biblical repentance is still **NECESSARY!**

★ **NOTE:** The **FIRST** beatitude in Christ’s sermon on the mount is,  
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”  
(Matthew 5:3)

- “poor in spirit” - “To be ‘poor in spirit’ is to realize that I have nothing, am nothing, and can do nothing, and have need of all things.” (AWP) (Isaiah 40:17; Psalm 62:9; Daniel 4:34-35; 2 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:8-10; Luke 17:10)

- God created man to be **TOTALLY DEPENDENT** on Him!

**The RESPONSE of One Who Has Been Forgiven** (Psalm 51:14-15)

- (v. 14) David continues to cry out to “God” (not LORD). He acknowledges his great guilt!
  - He knows that **ONLY GOD** can save him from his guilt!
- (vv. 14-15) The **REASONABLE** response to God’s forgiveness is to **SING ALOUD** of God’s righteousness! **LOUD PRAISE!**

