



ROAD TO

*RENEWAL*

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

51 TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET WENT TO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE IN TO BATHSHEBA.

<sup>1</sup> Have **mercy** on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast **love**;  
according to Your abundant **mercy**  
blot out my **transgressions**.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my **iniquity**,  
and **cleans**e me from my **sin!**

- A. Acts 3:17-20a *And now, brothers, I know you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”*
- B. We're met with grace, love, and mercy
- C. By the one who can blot out, wash, and cleanse
- D. The road to renewal requires the faithless to turn to the faithful Father

PSALM 51:1-2

*BLOT OUT*

- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words  
and blameless in Your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,  
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

- A. Confession - Psalm 32:1-2, 5 with Romans 4:1-8
- B. It takes faith to empty ourselves to the one who “emptied Himself”
- C. Try and imagine David and hear his words, “I have sinned against the Lord.” He’s looking at himself and not others. Now, the burden could truly be lifted.
- D. Do you believe God’s judgment was fair? David lost his child with Bathsheba. What if God required his life? Leviticus 20:10; Numbers 35:31 Would He still be a just God?
- E. Romans 3:1-8 teaches that we struggle seeing God as He truly is while attempting to justify our choices.
- F. Take note of Proverbs 28:13-14.

PSALM 51:3-6

*sinned against YOU*

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and **renew a right spirit** within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- A. It's horrible concealing sin, isn't it? Psalm 6:6-7; 32:3-4; 38:5-10
- B. But what a "feeling" when the Lord answers our plea! Psalm 130:3-4; 143:5-8
- C. What was David referring to when he wrote, "renew a right spirit"?
- D. How can God renew our spirit? Titus 3:5; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-24
- E. Are we being honest about our current state? Psalm 32:1-2 How should we feel?

PSALM 51:7-12

*Renew a right spirit*

- 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners will return to You.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- 16 For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 18 Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- 19 then will You delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

A. THEN we can teach others - Mark 5:18-20; Psalm 32:8-9, 10-11

B. THEN we can worship God - Acts 3:8-10 What a beautiful day for EVERYONE!

PSALM 51:13-19

THEN I can . . .