

# Psalm 51

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After his sin with Bathsheba, David poured out this deeply penitent prayer—confessing his transgression, pleading for cleansing, and asking for a restored relationship with God.

## Key Verses

### **Psalm 51:1-4**

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.

### **Psalm 51:10-12**

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

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