

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 51 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity, and cleanse me from my
sin!

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against 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.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in
iniquity, and in sin did my mother
conceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth
in the inward being, and you teach
me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall
be clean; wash me, and I shall
be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have
broken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit
within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy
Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your
salvation, and uphold me with a
willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors
your ways, and sinners
will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from blood
guiltiness, O God, O God of my
salvation, and my tongue will
sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my
mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you will not delight in
sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a
burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good
pleasure; build up the walls of
Jerusalem;

¹⁹then will you delight in right
sacrifices, in burnt offerings
and whole burnt offerings; then
bulls will be offered on your altar.

Next Week: Psalm 52

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TALK SHEET

1. Why does David say that his sin is against God alone in verse 4?
2. What is the relationship between David and the Holy Spirit?
3. How does David expect to have his sin justified?
4. If you received an apology letter like this, would you accept it? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever had someone call you on your sin like Nathan did for David? What was your response?
6. After egregious sin like that in Psalm 51, is it harder to seek forgiveness or to extend it? Why?
7. Pray for God's forgiveness for your sin and to forgive those who have sinned against you.