

Salvation? Psalm 51

I. **C** _____ (vs. 1-6):

- a. We MUST acknowledge our SIN.
 - i. David uses 3 of 4 main terms for SIN (cf. Rom. 1:10-32)
 1. **sin** = ALL rebellion against God, "missing the mark" (cf. Ex. 10:16; Numbers 15:27; Prov. 24:33-34; Rom. 3:23; Gal. 5:17; James 4:17)
 2. Trespass = often an unintentional "crossing of a line" (cf. 2 Cor. 5:19; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 1:7)
 3. **transgressions** = intentional sin (cf. Ps. 19:13; 32:1; Matt. 6:14-15; 15:3; Rom. 2:25, 27)
 4. **iniquity** = repeated, unrepentant, intentional sin (cf. Rom. 6:14; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- b. We MUST know that God is **gracious**, characterized by **lovingkindness** and **compassion**
- c. We MUST OWN our **sin!** (cf. 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 32:5; 1 John 1:9)
- d. We MUST know that every sin is first and foremost against God (cf. Job 14:4; Ps. 58:3; Isa. 43:27; Hos. 6:7; Rom. 5:12)
- e. We MUST know that "**We are NOT sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners**" (cf. Job 14:4; Ps. 58:3; Isa. 43:27; Hos. 6:7; Rom. 5:12)
- f. We MUST know that Salvation requires a total heart transformation (cf. Job 28:28; 38:36; Ps. 119:30)

II. **R** _____ (vs. 7-15):

- a. We MUST "turn around" or "the act of changing one's mind"
 - i. **hyssop** = a small shrub that grows about 2 feet tall and was used to signify spiritual cleansing (cf. Ex. 12:21-22; Lev. 14:4, 6, 49, 51-52; Num. 19:6, 17-20; John 1:29; 2 Cor. 5:21; cf. Ps. 103:12; Isa. 1:16; Micah 7:19)
- b. We MUST yearn to have our spiritual conviction lifted (cf. Ps. 32)
- c. We MUST desire a new heart (Ezek. 36:26-27; cf. Ezek. 11:19-21; Jer. 31:31-34)
 - i. Old Testament Believers did not experience a permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit, like all New Testament Believers do (cf. Judges 3:10; 14:19; 1 Sam. 10:10; 16:14; Ps. 51:11; Eph. 1:13-14; cf. John 7:39; 14:17; 16:7; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 4:30)
- d. We MUST not only turn from our sin; we must also turn toward our God:
 - i. In Service
 - ii. In Praise

III. **F** _____ (vs. 16-19):

- a. We MUST know that there is nothing we can do to work or earn our Salvation (cf. Eph. 2:8-9)
- b. We MUST come to God on His terms and in His time; humble, contrite, and broken hearted (cf. James 4:6; Ps. 138:6; Prov. 3:34; Matt. 23:12; 1 Peter 5:5)
- c. We MUST Accept Jesus as our Savior (Eph. 2:8-9)
- d. We MUST Follow Jesus as our Lord (cf. Eph. 2:10; Matt. 28:19-20)