

God is Closer than You Think!

Psalm 51:1-17

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 ***Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.*** 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

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1. When You Get a **Raw Deal**. (Psalm 73)
2. In Times of **Crisis**. (Psalm 23)
3. When You Feel Like a **Nobody** Going Nowhere. (Psalm 139)
4. When You are **Troubled** and Depressed. (Psalm 77)
5. When You Have **Blown It** Big Time. (2 Samuel 12, Psalm 51)

(1 John 3:19-21)

The Guilt Trip

(John 16:8-11)

Conscience

vs.

Conviction

Paralyzes

Mobilizes

Leads to **Regret**

Leads to **Repentance**

Defeat

Deliverance

Focus: How you hurt **someone**

Focus: How you hurt **God**

Depression

Joy

(You must take the time to determine the source of your guilt!)

- I. God is waiting for me to take **responsibility**. Ps 51:1-4

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out ***my*** transgressions.

1. I must acknowledge the **presence** of my sin. (v.2)

Wash ***me*** thoroughly from ***my*** iniquity And cleanse ***me*** from ***my*** sin.

2. I must acknowledge the **power** of my sin. (v.3)

For ***I*** know ***my*** transgressions, And ***my*** sin is ever before me.

3. I must acknowledge the **penalty** of sin. (v.4)

Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, So that ***You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.***

- II. God is waiting for me to **repent**. (Ps 51:5-9)

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

1. True repentance is an ***invitation*** to God. (v.6)

Behold, ***You desire truth in the innermost being***, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

2. True repentance seeks ***intervention*** by God. (v.7-8)

“Purify me with hyssop...; Wash me ... Make me to hear joy and gladness...”

3. True repentance seeks ***intimacy*** with God. (v.9)

Hide Your face from my sins And ***blot out all my iniquities***.



Guilt is to the Spirit what pain is to the body.