

Psalm 51

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your love is amazing! Every day we sin against You. We break Your commandments. But You continue to love us. You gave Jesus to forgive us and make us alive again. Bless our study, so we will always recognize our sins, confess to You, and trust You to forgive us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalm 51 is a psalm of confession and forgiveness. We confess our sins to God. God shows mercy and makes us clean from all our sin.

Psalm 51:1-6. Confessing the sin.

- David wrote this psalm. When? What sins did David do? (See 2 Samuel 11)
- When we sin, who do we sin against?
- Where does God want us perfect? Perfect actions, or a perfect heart?

Psalm 51:7-12. Asking for forgiveness.

- God can be with us two ways. One is to punish, and one is to bless. In verses 7-12, what sentences or phrases do you see about punishment?
- What sentences ask God to be with you to be good to you?
- When our sin is bothering us, and our guilt makes us feel terrible, how can we get healing? Psychology? Self-help books? Alcohol? Parties? Friends? Who is the only one who can make us clean?

Psalm 51:13-19. Rejoicing in God's forgiveness.

- David is very happy that God forgives him. How did David thank God?
- How did David show other people that he was happy and thanking God?
- Does God want us to sacrifice for sin? Can our sacrifices forgive our sins?
- Read verse 17 again. What does God want from us?