





A Clean Heart

Psalm 51





Psalm 51 - 1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I know



my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **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. **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin



my mother conceived me. **6** Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. **7** Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** Make me to hear



joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice. **9** Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.



The Need for God's Cleansing



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. **14** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. **15** O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. **16** For You do not delight in



sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O
God, You will not despise. **18** By Your
favor do good in Zion; build the walls of



Jerusalem. **19** Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.



The Desire for God's Presence

