

## PSALM 51

<sup>1</sup> For the end, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, when he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions, blot out my transgression.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I am conscious of my iniquity; and my sin is continually before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against You alone have I sinned, and done evil before You; that You might be justified in Your words, and might overcome when You are judged.

<sup>5</sup> For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup> For behold, You love truth; You have manifested to me the secret and hidden things of Your wisdom.

<sup>7</sup> You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be purified; You shall wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> You shall cause me to hear gladness and joy; my afflicted bones shall rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Turn away Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit in my inward parts.

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence; and do not remove Your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation; establish me with Your directing Spirit.

<sup>13</sup> *Then* will I teach transgressors Your ways; and ungodly men shall turn to You.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; *and* my tongue shall joyfully declare Your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, You shall open my lips; and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For if You desired sacrifice, I would have given *it*; You will not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

<sup>17</sup> Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Do good, O Lord, to Zion in Your good pleasure; and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

<sup>19</sup> Then shall You be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, offering, and whole burnt sacrifices; then shall they offer calves upon Your altar.