

Psalm 51 (portions) – SIMPLE STUDY

Verse 1 – David asks for mercy. What two attributes about God does he base his request?

Verse 2 – Identify David's three phrases to describe God taking away his sin.

Verse 3 – David honestly acknowledges his sin. What does he mean when he prays, “my sin is ever before me” or “my sin is constantly before me”?

Verse 4 – What phrases does David use to agree with God about his sin?

Verse 5 – David expresses a theological truth that we are born with a sinful nature, deserving of God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3). Write out that verse here:

Verse 6 – David now lived in the reality that he could no longer hide. His sin was never hidden from God, no matter if he thought it. No, God desired honesty. David has a change of heart. How do we know?

Write and meditate on Numbers 32:23

Verse 7- We need cleansing from our sin. David cries out to God to do it. What promise does Isaiah 1:18 give us?

Write and meditate on I John 1:9-10

Verse 10 – We sometimes desire a new heart toward God's view of sin. But if we aren't willing to let Him change our spirit, we will live defeated by our sin. We will obey God more often when our spirit is submitted to Him. The way is Psalm 119:11. Write that verse here and live in God's promise to His children. God's Word is supernatural. You don't need lots of time. The time you give, God will change your heart. Any time in God's Word can change you if you approach it with a heart in need.

This is good news if you've had a frustrating or hurtful day with your sin being ever before you. I hope you find hope in the study, relief in confession to God, and in His love for you.