

PSALM 51 (NIV)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
- ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.
- ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in
the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that
secret place.
- ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will
be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than
snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed
rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within
me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your
ways, so that sinners will turn back
to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your
righteousness.
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your
praise.
- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I
would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt
offerings.
- ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken
spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
- ¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the
sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your
altar.

Crushing Sin: Humbled but Exalted

1. Know Sin

2. Know Yourself

3. Know Your Savior