

# A Prayer for Cleansing

Psalm 51

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  - 3. I must admit my sin nature. 5
  - 4. I must admit God's standards for the inner man. 6
- C. I must request cleansing and restoration. 51:7-12
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  - 2. I must pray for restoration. 8-10
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    - b. To fellowship. 9-10
      - 1) Because of sins forgiven. 9
      - 2) Because of a pure attitude. 10
    - c. To valid service. 11 (See 1 Cor. 9:27)
    - d. To joy and willingness. 12
- D. A vow to praise God! 51:13-15
  - 1. Through evangelism. 13
  - 2. Through praise in music. 14
  - 3. Through testimony. 15
- E. True sacrifices. 51:16-17
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  - 2. True sacrifices with which God is pleased. 17
    - a. A broken spirit.
    - b. A contrite heart.
- F. A prayer for favor toward Israel. 51:18-19
  - 1. By blessing Israel's capital city. 18
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