

Psalms 51:1-2 (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.

Psalms 51:3-4 (NIV)

[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 that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalms 51:10-12 (NIV)

[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.

Psalms 51:16-17 (NIV)

[16] You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. [17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Nehemiah 11-12



Who moved to Jerusalem?

>468 men of Judah

>928 men of Benjamin

>1,192 Priests

>284 Levites

>172 Gatekeepers

Jerusalem was...

- **to be Center of Worship**
- **supposed to be the Center of the Nation**
- **where the Messiah would someday come**

“Money is simply a symbol that stands for human resources. Money stands for what you can get from man instead of God. God deals in the currency of GRACE, not money: ...So the heart that loves money is a heart that pins its hopes, and pursues its pleasures, and puts its TRUST in what human resources can offer.”

(J. Piper pg. 324 - Future Grace)

The Priests and Levites Purified

- **Themselves**
- **People**
- **Gates**
- **Wall**

Celebration Included:

- **Two Choirs**
- **Musicians with Harps, Cymbals, Trumpets, Lyres**
- **Religious & Political Leaders**
- **Marching All around the Wall in Celebration**
- **Ending Together at the Temple**

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David's Prayer...

- make my heart **PURE**
- keep me **STEADFAST**
- do Not cast me **AWAY**
- give me Your **JOY**
- help me Keep on **GOING**

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Do NOTHING out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. [4] Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Investing in the Future...

- **Banish Selfish Ambition**
- **Humbly Respect Others**
- **Focus on Others First**