

Forgiveness

Psalm 51:1-5,8-12,15

Do you know what true forgiveness is? Has anyone ever held a grudge against you because of something you have done? True forgiveness comes when all past wrongs are forgiven.

In this psalm David talks about the true forgiveness that children of God receive when we turn to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness for those wrongs. When we repent of our sins, we receive the joy of our salvation from the Lord.

God, show me your favor in keeping with your faithful love. Because your love is so tender and kind, wipe out my lawless acts. Wash away all of the evil things I've done. Make me pure from my sin.

I know the lawless acts I've committed. I can't forget my sin. You are the one I've really sinned against. I've done what is evil in your sight. So you are right when you sentence me. You are fair when you judge me. I know I've been a sinner ever since I was born. I've been a sinner ever since my mother became pregnant with me.

Let me hear you say, "Your sins are forgiven." That will bring me joy and gladness. Let the body you have broken be glad. Take away all of my sins. Wipe away all of the evil things I've done.

God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you. Don't send me away from you. Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you. Give me a spirit that obeys you. That will keep me going.

Lord, open my lips so that I can speak. Then my mouth will praise you.

Dear God, I come to You to confess that I am a sinner. Forgive me for the sins that I commit every day. Assure me that You have laid all my sins upon Jesus. Assure me of life in heaven through faith in Him. For this I thank You. Amen.