August 23, 2020 Psalms 51

Psalms – Mercy, Restoration and Worship

Mercy

Restoration

Worship

Psalm 51 ESV

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words
 - and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
- wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
 - and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 - and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 - and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
- O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
- you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
- a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
 - build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- 19 then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
 - then bulls will be offered on your altar.