



New Year Message 3

CREATE PURE THOUGHTS IN ME

Psalms 51 (CEV – Contemporary English Version)

Series Overview: This past year has been a test for humans in many ways. Yet every New Year brings hope. A page is turned. Goals are in place. The human spirit receives a sometimes too brief of a lift as resolutions dissipate. But believers in God know Who is in control and Who offers solutions for all earthly problems. It is now a time for **Inspiration!** Not only the divinely **inspired** Word of God, but **inspiration** from various sources that calm the soul and elevate our hearts to greatness! One definition of “inspiration” is the “action or power of moving the intellect or emotions.” In this series, we will consider a few of the great Psalms from King David that continue to move our mind and spirit to trust in our God. This “book” is a collection of poetry, or songs, that speak to a great variety of human experiences. It gives answers to many of life’s great questions. In these divine psalms, we find **Inspiration!**

Lesson Introduction: David, the writer of most Psalms, the King of Israel, the one who was “a man after God’s own heart”, is now devastated. Lust turned his heart into the sin of adultery, which led to a devious plan. (Read the full story in 2 Samuel, chapters 11-12) He tried his best to cover up his sin, but as often is the case – sin has its consequences that cannot be hidden. Bathsheba is pregnant. Now what? David has her husband killed and takes her to be his wife. He is bravely rebuked by the prophet Nathan and punishment comes, including the death of his baby son. He weeps and mourns. His soul is crushed. He pens the lament of Psalm 51 as we consider its **Inspiration** for us!

THE _____ OF SIN (vss. 1-5)

Was it good that David felt burdened by guilt? Is guilt good or bad?

THE _____ FOR GOD’S HELP (vss. 6-9)

When you need something desperately, but know you don’t deserve it, what do you do?

THE _____ HE NEEDED TO TAKE (vss. 10-14)

He needed the 3 R’s: Resolution, Repentance, Restoration

THE _____ OF A PURE HEART (vss. 15-19)

How a changed and pure heart affected his worship, his demeanor, and his family life/legacy