

The Heart of the Matter
Psalm 51
March 2, 2025

Verse: Psalm 51:1-3, 10

Homework: Psalm 51 & Psalm 73

The Heart's Cry

1-2

- Mercy not Justice!
 - Justice = When you get what you deserve.
 - Mercy = When you do not get what you deserve.
 - Grace = When you get what you do not deserve!
 - Unfailing Love = HESED.
 - Compassion = The seat of affection, pity, and concern for others due to their sufferings and misfortunes. See Exodus 34:6; Psalm 103:14
- I want to be clean!

Personal Ownership

3-6

- Total Ownership - No cover-up, blame shift, or self-justification.
 - Recognition of the absolute holiness of God
 - Recognition of our utter sinfulness

Cleansed and Restored

7-12

- Call for Cleansing – Cleanse/ Wash/ blot out (see 1-2 – order reversed!)
 - Hyssop – Used to sprinkle blood (See Hebrews 9:22)
- Call for Restoration: Transformation from the inside out.
 - Do not cast me from your presence/ take your Holy Spirit from me
 - See King Saul – 1 Samuel 15:23, 26; 1 Samuel 16:14
 - See Samson – Judges 16:20.
 - See Jesus in John 14:16 – The Spirit will be with us forever!

Result/ Response = Thanksgiving!

13-17

- I will teach... I will sing... I will worship...
- I will give God my heart! (see 1 Sam 13:14) – even if it is broken and shattered!

Broader Impact (National Revival)

18-19

- Whole burnt offering = sign of total dedication to the LORD!

Keys:

- Getting to the heart of the matter: Are you right with God?
 - Is there something you need to confess today?
 - Do you need to restore your relationship with the LORD?

Application:

- Come to the foot of the cross!
 - Step 1 – Confess your sin. See Colossians 3:8
 - Step 2 – Call for cleansing and restoration. See 1 John 1:9
 - Step 3 – Commit to respond in worship and service. See Psalm 51:13-15