

A Repentance

The reality is that we all sin and fall short of God's standard. Repentance is a practice where you tell God that you have sinned, remember the seriousness of sin, and then receive His forgiveness and grace.

**Listen to the words of King David,
after he came face to face
with his own sin:**

*Be gracious to me, God,
according to your faithful love;
according to your abundant compassion,
blot out my rebellion.
Completely wash away my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I am conscious of my rebellion,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you — you alone — I have sinned
and done this evil in your sight.
So you are right when you pass sentence;
you are blameless when you judge.
Indeed, I was guilty when I was born;
I was sinful when my mother conceived me.
Psalm 51:1-5 (CSB)*

**Notice that David does not minimize his sin,
but recognizes how serious it is.**

**Ask yourself:
How can I begin to be honest about my sin?
What do I need to confess?**

David Continues...

***Surely you desire integrity in the inner self,
and you teach me wisdom deep within.***

***Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.***

***Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.***

***Turn your face away from my sins
and blot out all my guilt.***

***God, create a clean heart for me
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.***

***Do not banish me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore the joy of your salvation to me,
and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit.***

***Then I will teach the rebellious your ways,
and sinners will return to you.***

Psalm 51:6-13 (CSB)

What is David asking for?

What does he want the Lord to do in him?

**Pray and ask God to cleanse you
and to give you a pure heart.**

Finally, read Psalm 103.

What does this psalm say about your sin?

What has God done with your sin?

**Thank God for his grace and accept it in your
heart. Do not feel ashamed, because
God has forgiven you!**

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and
righteous to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

1 John 1:9 (CSB)

