119 MINISTRIES

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Create in Me a Clean Heart - 119 Sermon Short

One of the most tender prayers in the Bible was written by a man who had just been exposed for adultery, and for arranging a death.

That man was David. When the prophet Nathan confronted him, David stopped hiding. 2 Samuel 12:13. "I have sinned against the LORD [YHWH]." And Nathan answered, "The LORD [YHWH] also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

So what does a man like that say to God? The heading of Psalms fifty-one places this prayer right there. Verses 1-2. "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!"

Notice what he stands on. Not his record. Not his reputation. He stands on the steadfast love of YHWH.

Then he asks for what he cannot produce himself. Verse 10. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." David is not promising to clean himself up first. He is asking God for a work no one else can do. The word create is the same word we find in Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." David is asking the Creator himself to make in him what he could never make on his own.

Forgiven, David still faced hard consequences. But he did not ask to stay as he was. Verse 12. "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." And verse 13. "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you."

That is repentance. Not regret alone, but a real return to YHWH's ways, in the habit we keep excusing, the person we wronged, the sin we keep explaining away.

And through Messiah Yeshua, that way back stands open for us too. 1 John 2:1. "But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father." The mercy David pleaded for meets us in him.

So let us not hide from the Father. Let us name the sin plainly. Turn from it. And ask him to renew us. If that prayer could come from David, it can come from us.

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