

What Happens When We Sin?

Psalm 51

Sin is
Serious

God is
Merciful

Change is
Possible

Psa 51:1 ESV To the choirmaster. A
Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet
went to him, after he had gone in to
Bathsheba.

1(b) Have **mercy** on me, O God,
according to your **steadfast love**;
according to your **abundant mercy**

1(c) 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**.

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 **sinner**s 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.