

Psalm 51
 God, Be Merciful to Me
 REDHEAD

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum-bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
 5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true;
 6. Sin - ners then shall learn from me and re - turn, O God, to Thee;

plen - teous in com-pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans-gres-sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace and pro - voked Thee to Thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach Thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
 cast me not a - way from Thee, let Thy Spir - it dwell in me;
 Sav - ior, all my guilt re - move, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess Thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I Thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, Thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
 Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.
 touch my si - lent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
 hath acceptance in Thy eyes;
 broken hearts are in Thy sight
 more than sacrificial rite;
 contrite spirit, pleading cries,
 Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in Thy grace
 and her broken walls replace;
 then our righteous sacrifice
 shall delight Thy holy eyes;
 free-will offerings, gladly made,
 on Thy altar shall be laid.

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