Psalm 51  

Miserere mei, Deus  

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1. HAVE mercy up-on me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do a-way mine offences. 2. Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin. 3. For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me. 4. Against thee on-ly have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justifi-ed in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged. 5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceiv-ed me. 6. But lo, thou require-st truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9. Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds. 10. Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. 11. Cast me not away from
thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me. 12. O give me the comfort of thy help again: and establish me with thy free Spirit. 13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. 15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise. 16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings. 17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise. 18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, *with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen