

Psalm 51: Recommitment

Read Psalm 51:13-19

The psalmist has prayed for God to forgive and to restore purity, consistency, and a full and open relationship with Him. But he knows that it's not all up to God. He has to do his part. What does the psalmist promise to do, as God enables Him?

- *"I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You"* (v.13, NASB). Just as David's sin wasn't private, his restoration can't be private either. He has to proclaim God's forgiveness and renewal by his words and his actions.
- *"My tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness"* (v.14b, NASB). No one is so qualified to sing of God's rightness and justice as forgiven sinners. And no testimony is quite so convincing as joy!
- *"O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise"* (v.15, NASB). When we believe in a product or a person, we're not bashful about singing their praise. We're proud to tell about our wonderful experience! How much more should we gladly give God the credit He is due.
- *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise"* (v.17, NASB). It's amazing how easily pride rises up in us. But as we remember who God is and who we are, humility is sweet and natural.

This very personal psalm ends with a prayer for God's people as a whole. As we focus on God, His wonderful forgiveness, His tender mercy, and the beauty of a right relationship with Him, we naturally want such a relationship for everyone around us.