



Jesus Heals The Paralytic by Harold Copping

“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”
- Mark 2:5

Psalm 50 (51)

Part 4 - What do we need from God?

Review

1. My role in repentance
 - a. Acknowledge my iniquity
 - b. My sin is against God
 - c. Confess God's just judgment
2. What do we need from God?
 - a. Mercy
 1. Blot out my transgressions
 2. Cleanse me from my sins
 3. Purify me

What do we need from God?



1. Mercy

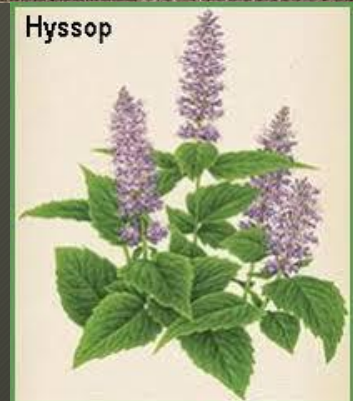
Relationships	Corruption	Remedy
God	Evil	“Blot out”
Self	Iniquity	“Cleanse me”
Others	Sin	“Purify me”

2. Purity for a corrupted nature

- “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.” (vs. 5)
- “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23)
- “[You] blessed my nature in Yourself, and fulfilled Your Law on my half.”
(Liturgy of St. Gregory)

2. Purity for a corrupted nature

- “For behold, You have loved the truth; You have manifested to me the hidden and unrevealed things of Your wisdom.” (vs. 6 LXX)
- “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” (vs. 7)



2. Purity for a corrupted nature

- “Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.” (vs. 8)
- “Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.” (vs. 9)
- “...given for us for salvation, remission of sins, and eternal life to those who partake of Him.”
(Confession, St. Basil Liturgy)

3. Renewal

- “Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (vs. 10)
- “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (Ezk. 36:26-27)



3. Renewal

- “Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”
(vs. 11)
- “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as
in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into the same image from glory
to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
(2 Cor. 3:18)
- “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And
uphold me by Your generous Spirit.” (vs. 12)

3. A Promise

- “Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.” (vs. 13)
 - “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did.” (Jn. 4:29)
- Promise #1: Witness/Evangelize



3. A Promise

- “Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.” (vs. 14-15)
- Promise #2: Praise Him with joy



3. A Promise

- “For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.” (vs. 16-17)
- Promise #3: I will remain humble

3. A Promise

- “Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.” (vs. 18-19)



Summary

What do we need from God?

1. Mercy - to restore what sin corrupted
2. Purity for a corrupted nature (vs. 5-9)
3. Renewal (vs. 10-12)
4. Promise (vs. 13-19)
5. Result