

Women's Bible Study
The Heart's Cry of Repentance - Psalm 51
Questions for **March 10, 2010** by Michelle Harris

Intensive Study Questions

1. Read Psalm 51. What words would you use to describe the tone of this psalm?

2. Read the account of David's sin in II Samuel 12:1-14. List David's sins. What was the punishment for these sins according to the Law? Give Scripture to support your answer. What happened to David?

3. Psalm 32 is thought to have been written in response to this same sin. What similarities and differences in theme and/or tone do you see between it and Psalm 51?

4. How can David say "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight"?

5. What New Testament writer quotes 51:4? What argument is he making by quoting this verse?

6. What is hyssop? What was it used for?

7. If David asks God to "blot out" his transgressions, wash, and cleanse him (v. 1-2), should we also? Why? Aren't we already forgiven? Why ask God to do what Jesus already did on the cross for us?

8. What does "repentance" mean? Why is it an important part of prayer? How often do you pray a prayer of repentance? If you are weak in this area, why do you think you are? What can you do about it?

