



Joel 1:14
Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly.
Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.

1. A broken and contrite heart.

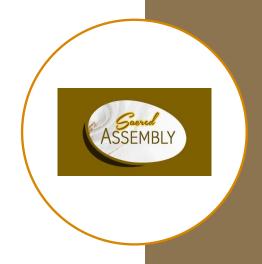
Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.



- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.



- <sup>13</sup> Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.



#### 2. God-Like Conviction.

Jeremiah 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.



#### 3. Against Abominations.

Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.



Proverbs 6:16-19

<sup>16</sup> These six things doth the LORD hate:

yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

<sup>17</sup> A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

<sup>19</sup> A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.



Proverbs 17:15

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.



