

# Sepher Tehillim (Psalms)

## Chapter 51

אֶל-מִנְצָחַ מִזְמֹר לְדָוִד: Ps51:1

1. (51:1 in Heb.) **Iam'natseach miz'mor l'Dawid.**

A Contrite Sinners Prayer for Pardon.

For the chief musician. A Psalm of Dawid,

<50:1> Εἰς τὸ τέλος· ψαλμὸς τῷ Δαυὶδ ἐν τῷ  
ἐλθεῖν πρὸς αὐτὸν Ναθαν τὸν προφήτην, ἦνίκα εἰσῆλθεν πρὸς Βηρσαβεę.

1 Eis to telos; psalmos tō Dauid

To the director; a psalm to David

en tō elthein pros auton Nathan ton prophētēn, hēnika eisēlthen pros Bērsabee.  
in entering to him Nathan the prophet, when he entered to Bathsheba.

בְּבָוֹא־אֲלֵיו נָתַן הָנְבִיא כָּאַשְׁר־בָּא אֶל־בָּת־שָׁבָע:

(51:2 in Heb.) b'bo'-elayu Nathan hanabi' ka'asher-ba 'el-Bath-shaba`.

When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

גַּחֲנֵנִי אֱלֹהִים כְּחַסְדְךָ כִּרְבָּב כְּחַמְרָק מִחְהָה פְּשֻׁעִי:

(51:3 in Heb.) chaneni 'Elohim k'chas'deak k'rob rachameyak m'cheh ph'sha'ay.

Ps51:1 Be gracious to me, O Elohim, according to Your lovingkindness;  
according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

<3> Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου  
καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου·

3 Eleēson me, ho theos, kata to mega eleos sou

Show mercy on me, O Elohim, according to great mercy your,

kai kata to plēthos tōn oiktirmōn sou

and according to the multitude of your compassions!

exaleipson to anomēma mou;

Wipe away my violation of the law!

דַּהֲרֵבָה כְּבָסְנִי מְעוֹנִי וּמְחַטָּאתִי טְהָרֵנִי:

2. (51:4 in Heb.) har'beh kab'seni me`awoni umechata'thi tahareni.

Ps51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

<4> ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλῦνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου  
καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με.

4 epi pleion plynōn me apo tēs anomias mou kai apo tēs hamartias mou katharison me.

Abundantly wash me from my lawlessness, and from my sin cleanse me!

הַכִּיר־פְּשָׁעֵי אֶנְיָא אֶדְעַ וְחַטֹּאתִי נָגְדֵי תְּמִידָ: 5

3. (51:5 in Heb.) **ki-ph'sha`ay 'ani 'eda` w'chata'thi neg'di thamid.**

**Ps51:3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<5> ὅτι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω,  
καὶ ἡ ἀμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μου ἔστιν διὰ παντός.

5 hoti tēn anomian mou egō ginōskō, kai hē hamartia mou enōpion mou estin dia pantos.  
For my lawlessness I know, and my sin before me is always.

וְלֹךְ לְבָהָד חַטֹּאתִי  
וְהַרְעֵב עִינֵּיךְ עֲשִׂירִיתִי לְמַעַן תְּצִדָּק בְּדָבָרְךָ תְּזַכָּה בְּשִׁפְטָךְ: 6

4. (51:6 in Heb.) **I'ak l'bad'ak chata'thi**  
**w'hara` b`eyneyak `asithi l'ma`an tits'daq b'dab'reak tiz'keh b'shap'teak.**

**Ps51:4** Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

<6> σοὶ μόνῳ ἥμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα,  
ὅπως ἄν δικαιωθῆς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου καὶ νικήσῃς ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαι σε.  
6 soi monō hēmarton kai to ponēron enōpion sou epoiēsa,  
Against you alone I sinned, and the wicked thing before you did;  
hopōs an dikaiōthēs en tois logois sou kai nikēsēs en tō krinesthai se.  
that you should be justified in your words, and should overcome in your judging.

וְהַנְּזֶבֶעֲוֹן חֹלְלָתִי וּבְחַטָּאת יְחִימָתִנִי אָמְרִי: 7

5. (51:7 in Heb.) **hen-b`awon cholal'ti ub'chet' yechemath'ni 'imi.**

**Ps51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

<7> οἶδού γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήμφθην,  
καὶ ἐν ἀμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέν με ἡ μήτηρ μου.  
7 idou gar en anomiais synelēmphthēn,  
For behold in lawless deeds I was conceived,  
kai en hamartiais ekissēsen me hē mētēr mou.  
and in sins craved strange food for me my mother.

וְהַנְּזֶבֶעֲמָת חַפְצָת בְּתוֹחוֹת וּבְסָתָם חַכְמָה תָּודִיעָנָרִי: 8

6. (51:8 in Heb.) **hen-'emeth chaphats'at batuchoth ub'sathum chak'mah thodi`eni.**

**Ps51:6** Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,  
and in the hidden part You shall make me know wisdom.

<8> ἵδοù γὰρ ἀλήθειαν ἡγάπησας,  
τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κρύφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι.

8 idou gar alētheian ēgapēsas, ta adēla  
For behold, truth you loved. the concealed things  
kai ta kryphia tēs sophias sou edēlōsas moi.  
and the private things of your wisdom You manifested to me.

טְהִתְחַטָּא נִי בְּאֶזֶוב וְאֶתְהָר תְּכַבֵּסְנִי יְמַשֵּׁל גַּאלְבִּין:  
9. (51:9 in Heb.) t'chat'eni b'ezob w'et'har t'kab'seni umisheleg 'al'bin.

**Ps51:7** Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,  
and I shall be whiter than snow.

<9> ραντιεῖς με ὑσσώπῳ, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι·  
πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲρ χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι.  
9 hrantieis me hyssōpō, kai katharisthēsomai;  
You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed;  
plyneis me, kai hyper chiona leukanthēsomai.  
you shall wash me and above snow I shall be whitened.

רְפֹשְׁמִירְעָנִי שְׁשֻׁוֹן וְשְׁמַחַת תְּגִלְנָה עֲצָמוֹת דְּכִיתָ:  
10. (51:10 in Heb.) tash'mi`eni sason w'sim'chah tagel'nah `atsamoth dikiath.

**Ps51:8** Make me to hear joy and gladness,  
that the bones which You have crushed may rejoice.

<10> ἀκουτιεῖς με ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφροσύνην·  
ἀγαλλιάσονται ὅστâ τεταπεινωμένα.  
10 akoutieis me agalliasin kai euprosynēn;  
You shall cause me to hear exultation and gladness;  
agalliasontai osta tetapeinōmena.  
shall exult the bones being humbled.

רְאֵה סִתְּר פְּנֵיך מְחַטֵּא וּכְלָעָוָנוֹתִי מְחַהָה:  
11. (51:11 in Heb.) has'ter paneyak mechata'ay w'kal-`awonothay m'cheh.

**Ps51:9** Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

<11> ἀπόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν μου  
καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἔξαλεψον.

11 apostrepson to prosōpon sou apo tōn hamartiōn mou  
Turn your face from my sins,  
kai pasas tas anomias mou exaleipson.  
and all my lawlessnesses wipe away!

וְאֵת קְדַם וְאֵת עַזְעַז אַזְעַז עַזְקַדְעַז וְאֵת-קְדַם 9438 96 12

יב לְבָבִ טהוֹר בְּרָאֵ-לִי אֱלֹהִים וְרוּחַ נְכוֹן חֲדֵשׁ בְּקָרְבֵּי:

10. (51:12 in Heb.) **leb tahor b'rā'-li 'Elohim w'ruach nakon chadesh b'qir'bi.**

**Ps51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O Elohim, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<12> καρδίαν καθαρὰν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ θεός,  
καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἔγκαινισον ἐν τοῖς ἔγκάτοις μου.

12 kardian katharan ktison en emoji, ho theos,  
heart a clean Create in me, O Elohim,  
kai pneuma euthes egkainison en tois egkatois mou.  
and spirit an upright renew in my insides!

יג אַל-תִּשְׁלִיכֵנִי מַלְכִּינִךְ וְרוּחַ קָדְשָׁךְ אַל-תִּקְחֵנִי:

11. (51:13 in Heb.) **'al-tash'likeni mil'phaneyak w'Ruach Qad'sh'ak 'al-tiqach mimeni.**

**Ps51:11** Do not cast me away from Your presence  
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

<13> μὴ ἀπορρύψῃς με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου  
καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιόν σου μὴ ἀντανέλῃς ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ.

13 mē aporripsēs me apo tou prosōpou sou  
Do not reel from me your face;  
kai to pneuma to hagion sou mē antanelēs ap' emou.  
and spirit your holy do not take away in return from me!

יד הַשִּׁבָּה לִי שְׁׁשׂוֹן יִשְׁׁעָךְ וְרוּחַ בְּדִיבָּה תִּסְמְכֵנִי:

12. (51:14 in Heb.) **hashibah li s'son yish'eak w'ruach n'dibah this'm'keni.**

**Ps51:12** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.

<14> ἀπόδοσις μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου  
καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῷ στήρισόν με.

14 apodos moi tēn agalliasin tou sōtēriou sou  
Give back to me the exultation of your deliverance,  
kai pneumatī hēgemonikō stērison me.  
and spirit with your governing support me!

טו אַל-מִדָּה פְּשֻׁעִים דְּרָכֶיךָ וְחַטָּאים אַלְיכָ יִשְׁׁבוּ:

13. (51:15 in Heb.) **alam'dah phosh'im d'rakeyak w'chata'im 'elejak yashubu.**

**Ps51:13** Then I shall teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners shall be converted to You.

<15> διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδούς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσιν.

15 didaxō anomous tas hodous sou, kai asebeis epi se epistrepsousin.

I shall teach the lawless ones your ways, and the impious to you shall turn.

16 שָׁלֹשׁ כָּלְבִים קַבְעָה עַמְקָה לְעֵינֵי אֱלֹהִים  
טֹזֶחֶלֶן מִקְדָּמִים אֶלְהִים אֶלְהִים תְּשֻׁעַתִּי תְּרָפֵן לְשׁוֹנִי צְדִקְתֶּךָ:

14. (51:16 in Heb.) **hatsileni midamim 'Elohim 'Elohey t'shu'athi t'rnanen p'shoni tsid'qatheak.**

**Ps51:14** Deliver me from **bloodguiltiness**, O **Elohim**, the **El** of **my salvation**;  
then **my tongue** shall sing aloud Your **righteousness**.

<16> ῥῦσαι με ἐξ αἰμάτων, δὲ θεὸς δὲ θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου·  
ἀγαλλιάσεται δὲ γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου.

**16 hrysai me ex haimatōn, ho theos ho theos tēs sōtērias mou;**  
Rescue me from **blood** guilt, O **Elohim**, the **El** of **my deliverance**!  
**agalliasetai hē glōssa mou tēn dikaiosynēn sou.**  
shall exult over My tongue your righteousness.

17 וְאַפְתַּח שְׁפַתִּי תְּפַתֵּח וּפְרִי יָגִיד תְּהַלְתֵּחֶךָ:

15. (51:17 in Heb.) **'Adonai s'phathay tiph'tach uphi yagid t'hilatheak.**

**Ps51:15** O my Adon (Master), open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.

<17> κύριε, τὰ χεύλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἶνεσίν σου.  
17 kyrie, ta cheilē mou anoixeis, kai to stoma mou anaggelei tēn ainesin sou.

O YHWH, my lips you shall open, and my mouth shall announce your praise.

18 לֹא תְחַפֵּץ זָבֵח וְאֶתְנַה עוֹלָה לֹא תִּرְצֶחָ:

16. (51:18 in Heb.) **ki lo'-thach'pots zebach w'etenah 'olah lo' thir'tseh.**

**Ps51:16** For You do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it;  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.

<18> ὅτι εἰ ἡθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἄν· ὀλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὔδοκήσεις.

18 hoti ei ethelēsas thysian, edōka an;  
For if you wanted a sacrifice, I would have given;  
holokautōmata ouk eudokēseis.  
whole burnt-offerings you do not think well of.

19 בְּשִׁבְעָה קַבְעָה עַמְקָה קַבְעָה אֲבָנָה עַמְקָה קַבְעָה  
וְנִדְקָה אֶלְהִים רִוִח נְשִׁבָּה לְבִ-נְשִׁבָּר  
וְנִדְקָה אֶלְהִים לֹא תִּבְזַח:

17. (51:19 in Heb.) **zib'chey 'Elohim ruach nish'barah leb-nish'bar**  
**w'nid'keh 'Elohim lo' thib'zeh.**

**Ps51:17** The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit;  
a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, You shall not despise.

<19> θυσία τῷ θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον,  
καρδίαν συντετριμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην δὲ θεὸς οὐκ ἔξουθενώσει.

19 thysia tō theō pneuma syntetrimmenon,

A sacrifice to Elohim is a spirit being broken;

kardian syntetrimmenēn kai tetapeinōmenēn ho theos ouk exouthenōsei.

a heart being broken and humbled Elohim shall not treat with contempt.

כְּחִיטָבָה בְּרַצּוֹנָה אֶת־צִיּוֹן תָּבִנָה חֻמּוֹת יְרוּשָׁלָם:<sup>20</sup>

18. (51:20 in Heb.) heytibah bir'tson'ak 'eth-Tsion tib'neh chomoth Yrushalam.

Ps51:18 By Your favor do good to Tsion; build the walls of Yerushalam.

<20> ἀγάθυνον, κύριε, ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σιων,  
καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ιερουσαλημ·

20 agathynon, kyrie, en tē eudokiā sou tēn Siōn,  
Do good, O YHWH, by your benevolence to Zion,

kai oikodomēthētō ta teichē Ierousalēm;  
and let be built the walls of Jerusalem!

כִּאֵז תְּחַפֵּץ זֶבְחֵידָצְדָקָע זָוָלה  
וּכְלִיל אֲז יָעַלו עַל-מִזְבֵּחַ פְּרִים:<sup>21</sup>

19. (51:21 in Heb.) 'az tach'pots zib'chey-tsedeq 'olah  
w'balil 'az ya`alu `al-miz'bachak pharim.

Ps51:19 Then You shall delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering  
and whole burnt offering; then young bulls shall be offered on Your altar.

<21> τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης,  
ἀναφορὰν καὶ ὀλοκαυτώματα·  
τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

21 tote eudokēseis thysian dikaiosynēs, anaphoran  
Then you shall think well of a sacrifice of righteousness offering,  
kai holokautōmata; tote anoisousin epi to thysiastērion sou moschous.  
and whole burnt-offerings; then they shall offer upon your altar calves.