

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting
October 10th
Daily Devotional #11

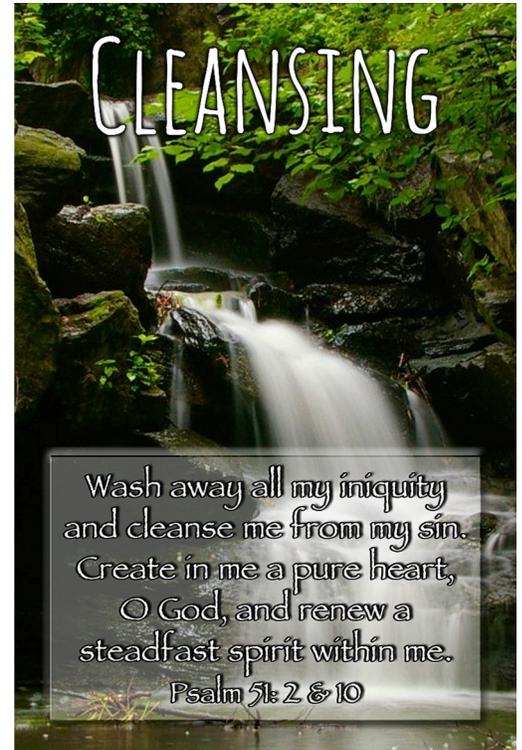
*Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Psalm 51:2 & 10 (NIV)*

Today is the first day of the season of Cleansing, which means we move our prayer-focus from Gratitude to Cleansing. Not that we decrease our Gratitude towards our Great Saving GOD, but that we, in Gratitude to Him for all He has done and all He is, begin seeking His guidance and strength to while we begin the process of purposefully pursuing holiness and maturity in Him.

As I see it, there are two “aspects” to this process of Cleansing. One is what David was dealing with in Psalm 51 – repenting of those things in our life that are not in line with GOD’s word. Said a more poetic and just-as-true way, we purposefully tune our lives to GOD’s song, removing out-of-tune notes and rhythms with notes and rhythms that join in the beautiful celestial song of GOD and its perfect melody, harmonies and movements.

The second “aspect” of Cleansing can also partially be described as healing. Here is where we decide to look to GOD, through His perfect Word, for our understanding of who we are, whose we are, and what value and purpose we have in the Greatest Story. Satan is a master manipulator of our egos and has broken and bruised through people, events and the lies of what is important and valuable and good that he has propagated to our world. The damage he has done – both to our ego and psyche – can be, and desperately needs to be healed by our Great and Loving GOD so that we can more fully serve and honor Him.

GOD’s desire, His passion is to bless us with this healing and bless us by making us holy. It is a beautiful, symbiotic relationship of our submitting to Him, listening to Him, and pursuing holiness as He joyfully empowers and trains us to be holy (see both beginning and ending Scriptures and meditate on them together).



Living holy lives – lives which reflect and honor GOD – is our life’s goal. We know that this kind of life is Kingdom Living (Ephesians). We know this kind of life is Good Life, the Best Life (John 10:10). It is this life that Gratitude and Cleansing move us toward...

*³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

*⁴ For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in His sight.*

*In love ⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as His children through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with His pleasure and will—*

*⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One He loves.*

Ephesians 1:3–6 (NIV)