

“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART O GOD” - Ps 51:10

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1. This was a cry of David, a man who loved God. He wrote most of the Psalms of praise and love to God.
2. However David had just stolen a man’s wife, committed adultery with her and murdered the man. When the prophet Nathan came to him to reveal his sin, he confessed, repented and cried out to God, “Create in me a clean heart, O God!” *2Sam 11:1-12:7*
3. David knew his main need was a clean, pure heart.
4. Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks,” *Mat 12:34*.
Pro 4:23 “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it, comes all the issues of life.”
Pro 23:26 “My son, my daughter, give me your heart.”
Jer 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.”
5. Jesus said the same in *Mat 15:10,11,15-20*. It is not what goes into our mouth that makes us unclean, but what comes out of our heart, e.g. evil thoughts, murders, adultery, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things that defile a man.
6. **Praise God, He has promised to give us a clean heart, *Ezk 36:25-27*. God sprinkles the clean water of His Word and His Spirit upon us, which cleanses us from all our filthiness and idols. Further, He gives us a new heart, takes the old one away, and puts His Spirit within us, so that we will walk in His ways and do His will. Hallelujah!**
7. The New Testament says the same, *Ac 15:7,8,9*. God gives us His Holy Spirit and purifies our heart by faith, which is knowing His Word, believing His Word, confessing His Word, and acting on His Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit. See also *1Pet 1:22*.
8. **Jesus said this too, *Jn 8:31,32-36*. “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free,” - from sinful habits.**
9. “Either God’s Word keeps us from sin, or sin keeps us from God’s Word,” said one Bible teacher.
10. *Pro 4:20-22* is God’s recipe for producing a pure heart:
 - a. attend unto My Word,
 - b. incline your ear unto My sayings,
 - c. do not let them go from your eyes,
 - d. keep them in the midst of your heart.

“Because My Word will give you life as you find it, and health and healing for all your flesh.” This is how we “keep our heart with all diligence” because “out of our heart spring all the issues of life,” *Pro 4:23*.
11. When you see something unclean in your heart:
 - a. do not ignore it,
 - b. confess it and bring it to the light of God, *1Jn 1:9*,
 - c. choose to hate it and refuse it,
 - d. cry out to God to set you free, *Rom 10:13, Ps 51:10, Ps 50:15*,
 - e. keep reading His Word daily and keep full of the Holy Spirit, *Ps 119:9-11*,

- f. claim the promises of God to set you free from the sinful bondage, every day until there is freedom, eg *1Jn 1:9, Rom 6:1-4,6,11,14, Ezk 36:25-27, 1Thes 5:23,24, Phil 2:13, Heb 13:20,21, Deut 30:6, Gal 2:20*. See Pastors' Notes numbers 2, 10, 17, 22, 53, 76, 125, 131, 140, 186, 194,196.

Heb 4:12 The Word is living and powerful.

Heb 4:12 The Word is sharper than any sword.

Heb 4:12 The Word pierces and divides between soul and spirit.

Heb 4:12 The Word discerns and reveals the thoughts of the heart.

12. Once I heard about a child who confessed he had been taking money from his mother's purse. He asked for forgiveness and said that he had been convicted as he read his Bible.
13. Recently, there was a news item in the daily newspaper, describing how a NZer, living in London, had murdered his flat-mate while he was sleeping. He then removed the floorboards, and buried the man 1metre down and concreted over it. Six years later the NZer came to be a believer in Christ in Australia. He confessed his crime to the elders of the church. They stood with him as he confessed to the police. He chose to accept the judgment due to him, according to the truth and teaching of God's Word.

Such is the power of God's Word to change our lives and purify our hearts.

HALLELUJAH!