

DANGEROUS PRAYERS

FOR THE COMMON LIFE

HAVE MERCY ON ME OH GOD!

Colossians 4:2 (ESV) *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

1. Most Christians pray comfortable prayers.
2. I want to challenge you to pray dangerous prayers in 2019.
3. Dangerous prayers ask God to radically change our lives.
4. We are going to look to David's prayers in the Psalms for guidance on praying dangerous prayers for four weeks.

(This is week 2 Week 1 was Search me Oh God Psalm 139)

5. Psalm 51 is David's prayer of repentance and is a pattern for all who have failed God.

1. David cries out to God for Pardon

1. David has a great record of his character in **1 Kings 15:5. (ESV)** *because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.* The sad reality of David's asterisk.*
2. Almost a year has passed since David had failed in moral conduct on two vital accounts. Jewish law made no provision for remedy on either account. The penalty was death.
Psalm 51:1-6(ESV) ¹ *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.* ² *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!* ³ *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.* ⁴ *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.* ⁵ *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.* ⁶ *Behold, you (GOD) delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*
3. David begins his plea by calling on God's mercy.
3 things become the basis of David's plea: mercy, steadfast love, abundant mercy
Psalm 86:5 (ESV) ⁵ *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*
4. David thoroughly acknowledges his wrongdoing and asks God to remedy the problem. David speaks of his actions as a transgression, an iniquity and a sin.

He takes personal responsibility

2. David cries out to God for Restoration

Psalm 51:7-12 (ESV) ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1. David wants more than forgiveness—he wants to be **ppurified**.
2. David wants more than to be purified—he wants to be **restored**.
3. David asks God to give him a **steady** and **willing** spirit.

3. David Promises God to cry out for Him

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinner will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

1. David speaks in terms of **personal** commitment.
2. David speaks in terms of **active** participation.
3. David speaks in terms of **God's** Will being advanced.
4. David recognizes the value of a **broken** spirit.

If you need forgiveness and restoration, Cry out to God
If you have received forgiveness and restoration Cry Out for God