

# WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS WORLD?

Dear Sir,

We must face the fact that we don't just do sinful things; we are sinful people, broken to our core.

**I am!**

Yours,  
**G.K. Chesterton**

Only the brokenness over our sin will move us from looking to excuse our sinful acts to desiring a cure for our sinful nature





Summertime  
in the  
Psalms

**CREATE IN ME  
A CLEAN HEART**

**Psalm 51**

# HELP ME!

*Have **mercy** on me, O God, according to your **unfailing love**; according to your great **compassion blot out my transgressions.***

*Wash away all my **iniquity** and cleanse me from my **sin.***

**v. 1-2**



# CONFESSION OF SIN

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

Admitting his acts were sinful

v. 3-5

**Guilt: awareness that we have done something that we shouldn't have.**

**GUILT IS  
A GIFT**



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**We do what is in our hearts.  
We sin not on accident but  
because we are sinful.**



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

v. 7-12



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

## Purification

**Hyssop is a type of plant used for sprinkling water or blood in an area to make it ritually pure or clean again.**

**The longing is not just to be good enough but completely clean from all spot or blemish.**

**True repentance longs not to be excused or accepted despite the impurity, but longs to be purified.**



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

## Healing

The psalmist longs for joy to return

God only ever hurts to help.

Give me a new heart, a clean heart, help me  
start over

Give me a spirit that won't give up

Remake me from the inside out





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# Restoration

# DESIRE TO DO WHAT GOD WANTS

*Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*



# DESIRE TO DO WHAT GOD WANTS

*May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.*

**v. 13-19**

**It means that the first work God has for us is to seek Him and become the people**

**He desires us to be**

**Then, and only then, will we be useful instruments in His hands**



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

## Teach

**You can't give what you don't have. You can't teach what you don't know**

**We can't teach others about God until we know Him.**

**Once the psalmist has learned first-hand about the love and mercy and goodness of God, he is in a place where he can show other people the way to God**



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

## Worship

**Worship is not trying to earn God's favor or get God's attention.**

**Worship is not trying to put ourselves in a religious frame of mind**

**It is declaring to God who He is and what He is worth not because He needs it, but because we do**



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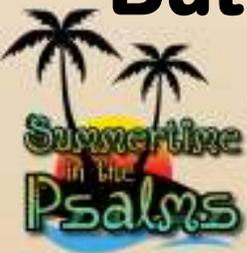
## Expand

**What does building the city walls of Jerusalem have to do with what has come before?**

**We all want to do great things for God**

**We want to expand His kingdom**

**But we can't build His kingdom until we are a part of it**



# DESIRE TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS

**Expand**

**God will do great things  
through us only after he has  
done great things in us**





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**CLEANED  
FROM THE  
INSIDE OUT**