



# PSALMS



PSALM 51  
STARTING OVER



WHY SHOULD WE  
LIVE IN THE PSALMS?



Human sentiments  
that help us  
reconnect with God



The Psalms were the main songbook of the early church, and they were designed by God to awaken and express and shape the thoughts and feelings of Jesus' disciples. We learn from the Psalms how to feel in times of discouragement and in times of horrible regret. The Psalms show us how to be discouraged well and how to regret well and how to start over again.

*John Piper*

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.

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.  
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

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.

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.

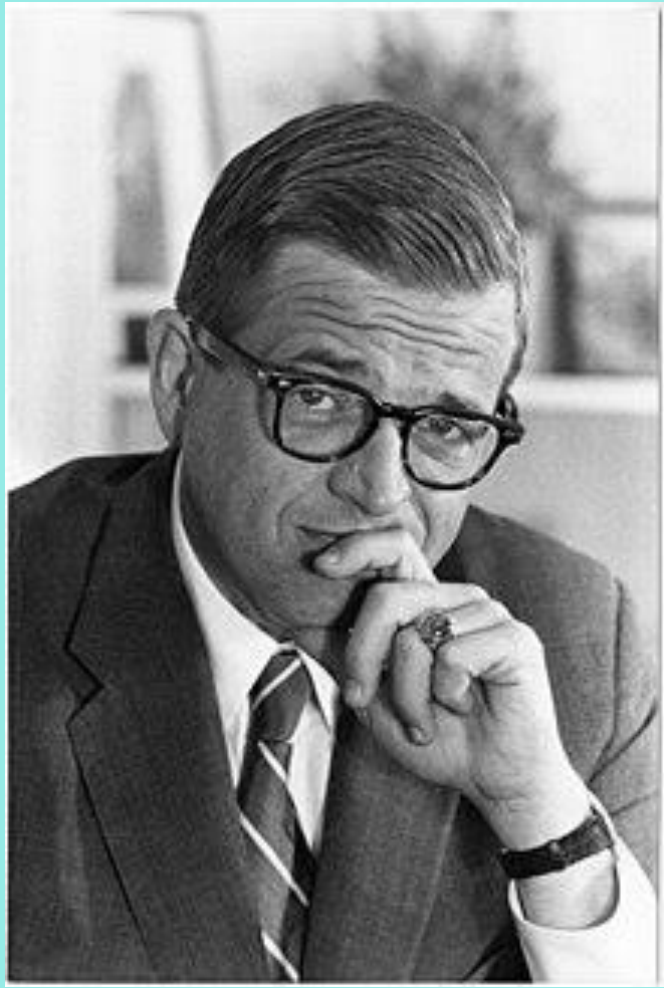




You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
My sacrifice, O God, is [b] a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart you,  
God, will not despise.

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.





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### COLSON IS NAMED

#### A Question of Veracity of the President Is Indirectly Raised

By ANTHONY RIPLEY  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 1—A federal grand jury today indicted seven men, all former officials of President Nixon's Administration or of his 1972 re-election campaign, on charges of covering up the Watergate scandal.

Never before have so many close and trusted advisers of an American President faced indictment.

All were charged with conspiracy — a conspiracy, the

### Death, Trailing Labor Party in Britain, Declines to Resign

### MITCHELL JUDGE HALTS TRIAL HERE

### Nixon Urges Quick Trials, Cautions on Prejudgment

### SIRICA SAID TO GET FINDINGS ON NIXON



# DAVID IN REAL TROUBLE!

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A JUDGE WHO IS  
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