

Lent Day 4: Saturday, February 25

## Psalm 51:1-17

### PURSUING GOD

*“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”*

Lent is often perceived as a time of giving something up or fasting from something because that is what we do. Sometimes we become confused about what Lent truly is.

- Lent is a time when we are able to really think about the separation which sin causes in our relationship with God and realize how much Jesus did when he mended this separation on the Cross.
- Lent is a time to remember the suffering of Jesus on the Cross and to choose sacrifices in our lives in order to become more like Christ. Psalm 51:1-17 is a great example of how to pursue Christ during the season of Lent.

During this season we allow ourselves to live into the change which the Lord calls us to. He calls us to live a life of holiness and union with him. Our lives are the sacrifice we are giving back to the Lord at this time. As we see in Romans 12:1, “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Let’s follow in the footsteps of Paul and realize we are broken people in need of a Savior and give back to God what is already his: ourselves.

In this Lenten season, let us pursue God by giving up things which draw us away from God.

*Pray Psalm 51:10 (NIV): “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*