James #44

Lord, renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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Open back up in the OT – Psalms 51.

We have been looking at the colossal failure and chain sinning of King David for the better part of year. During which time he shirked his duties, became lazy, filled with lust and raped Batsheba.

He then began the cover up and lies manipulating Uriah her husband, until finally he had him murdered.

Psalm 51 speaks to the cleansing and comeback of King David in his spiritual walk.

[/Psa 51:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/7/s_529007) **Purify me with hyssop**, and I will be clean; **Cleanse me**, and I will be whiter than snow.

In Israel, the priest sprinkled animal blood on the altar with a hyssop branch. This ritual symbolized cleansing by sacrificial water and blood – entering the temple (water) and then the innocent blood sacrifice (Christ).\

David is asking God to continually bring him under the washing of the WORD of GOD and to continually, cover him in the sacrificial work of Christ for his future failures.

Adjusting to the justice of GOD habitually is the only way in this temporal life that we can be walking in purity.

The word has to touch our soul first, such as the gospel before we accept the sacrifice of TLJC.

David knows he has to return to his intimate relationship with GOD.

In Hebrews chapter nine we can note the perfect work of TLJC which fulfilled all the OT rituals.

/Heb 9:21 And in the same way **he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood**. 22 And almost all things are cleansed with blood, according to the Law, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness**.\

The Levitical priests had to perform very strict cleansing rituals. Reading this verse in Psalm 51:7 takes on great meaning with a powerful set of principles related to the Hyssop branch.

[Psa 51:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/8/s_529008) Let me hear joy and gladness,Let the bones You have broken rejoice.

Divine discipline is for our own good.

/God our Father disciplines those whom HE loves intimately (Deu 8:5, Prov 3:12, Heb 12:6, Rev 3:19). Discipline is for our own benefit and growth. Just as self- induced misery, tests and pressure all can be viewed in the positive for the growing Christian. As we mature we lose that insecurity and narcissism that refuses to conform to the plan of God.\

We no longer get frustrated or feel bitter when adversity strikes and our own mistakes catch up with us.

We understand the plan of God and the Angelic Conflict.

[Psa 51:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/9/s_529009) Hide Your face from my sinsAnd wipe out all my guilty deeds.

[/Psa 51:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/10/s_529010) Create in me a clean heart, God,And **renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

David knew the power of the SPIRIT was removed during his reversionism. The CA Bel is out of fellowship and walking in temporal death, yet never loses the indwelling.\

Psa 51:11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

The first two dispensations – the dispensation of Gentiles and the dispensation of Israel did not have the indwelling of the Trinity.

One of several differences in the current Church Age we now live in.

The indwelling in the CA is for every Bel, just as the filling power of the HS is, it was not always like that.

/We cannot keep the standards of the Bible by keeping any type of law. We can only keep the law (Bible) through the filling of the Spirit and the consistency of the WORD in the soul, leading us into maturity. Maturity or experiential sanctification, fulfills the legal requirement of the divine law: blessing from the justice of God.\

Now the Hyssop King David spoke of in verse seven is very interesting.

The Hyssop leaf had not only medical value but deep spiritual significance.

It pointed to protection - it pointed to cleansing and a divine renewal.

Hyssop was used for medical applications but also for deep spiritual applications.

/Hyssop is a small, fragrant herb frequently woven within Scripture and widely recognized for its cleansing, purification, and sacrificial associations. In the ancient Hebrew context, the precise botanical species referred to by *“hyssop”* can be debated or even challenging to identify. Regardless of its exact species, the biblical texts use *“hyssop”* to signify purification, ritual cleansing, and spiritual renewal.\

Archaeologists had discovered from regions around the Dead Sea and even findings among the Dead Sea Scrolls references to the of use of herbs such as hyssop in purification rituals.

These rituals align with biblical instructions, supporting the historic reliability of the bible in front of you.

Let us note how Hyssop was used in the Old Testament;

/Initially, Hyssop is seen as part of the Passover Instructions -

Exo 12:22 “And **you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood** which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.\

This act preserved the Israelites from the plague on the firstborn and ultimately symbolized deliverance.

Because hyssop was chosen for this task, it took on the profound image of transferring the blood that would spare God’s people from judgment. It is a first mentioned principle that carries great weight in scripture.

 REPEAT

/It is seen in cleansing rituals -

Num 19:18 ‘**And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water**, and sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the furnishings, on the persons who were there, and on the one who touched the bone or the one who was killed or the one who died *naturally,* or the grave.

 (Lev 14:4-6) \

Instructions for cleansing individuals from skin diseases or other ritual defilements also feature hyssop, whether in combination with water, scarlet yarn, or the blood of a sacrificial animal.

The repeated ritual and pattern of external washing symbolizing inner spiritual cleansing. What it speaks to is the importance of God’s word and instructions being followed.

The right thing done in the right way, GOD does the work we reap the benefits.

/David spoke in a repenting Psalm - (Penitential Psalm)

Psa 51:7 “*Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”*

It portrays God’s cleansing mercy purifying the repentant heart, just as literal hyssop might cleanse a physical illness. The hyssop has no spiritual power outside of what GOD decides to use it for.\

This teaches us to be responsible inside the plan of GOD. It teaches us maturity inside the plan of GOD.

We all have an OSN - yet HE wants us to grow into a place of doctrinal strength, personal responsibility, we operate inside HIS precepts inside HIS commands.

We than have the power through Christ to shed the grip of the cosmic system, shed the grip of the KOD and shed the grip of the OSN, right now in time!

 REPEAT

We simply agree or align with God’s justice and HIS plan.

Only God has the power over the evil of the devil’s world and the powerful grip of the OSN.

Once we are in union with Christ we can take responsibility and apply that power to our are daily life.

At the Crucifixion of Christ, we see the Hyssop once again;

/Jhn 19:29 A jar full of sour wine was standing *there;* so **they put a sponge full of the sour wine on *a branch of* hyssop** and brought it *up* to His mouth.

Just as hyssop applied the Passover lamb’s blood in Exodus, here it appears at the moment the true Passover Lamb-offered Himself for the sins of humanity. A transitional branch from the Dispensation of Israel into the new CA.\

/The Mosaic Covenant incorporated the Hyssop in ritual cleansing-

Heb 9:19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, **he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop**, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,\

This reference looks backward at the Old Testament consecration of the people and the covenant itself with hyssop as the agent of sprinkling.

Showing us GOD can use something as insignificant as a branch of a common tree. Just like HE uses us!

The writer of Hebrews shows how the ancient symbols point to the final, comprehensive cleansing provided by Christ’s sacrifice.

The symbolic use of Hyssop points us toward spiritual purification and cleansing.

 REPEAT

/The consistent biblical use of hyssop in cleansing highlights its symbolism of spiritual cleansing that happens within our life. The physical act of sprinkling or brushing with hyssop is a symbol of God’s divine power to remove impurity and restore fellowship with Him. The use of water and blood referencing the covering work of Christ and HIS very mind the WORD.\

The blood speaks to HIS precious and impeccable work. The water is HIS very mind which washes over us habitually keeping us clean.

The Hyssop is a creation of GOD’s perfect work showing us HE supplies every detail.

Hyssop was involved in the Consecration and Holiness of rituals as the right thing done in the right way.

/Hyssop’s association with rituals that established sacred spaces, holy days, or cleansed individuals, all reflects the consistent call for holiness among God’s people. It is all dependent upon the TRINITY working in our favor. We become open vessels by allowing (free will) divine righteousness, justice, grace and mercy to enter our soul.\

The lessons embedded in these ceremonies speak to divine holiness and the special status of those people who are set apart to follow God’s commands.

We willing walk in a manner that is fully faithful in obedience.

 REPEAT

The work is done in our favor - we have to accept the grace gifts as is always the case. Your sins are already forgiven.

There is also a sacrificial connection used in many hyssop ceremonies;

/As an example, during Passover, hyssop served as a bridge between sacrifice (the shed blood) and salvation (the covering of the doorposts). This covenant was a shadow of the crucifixion, signifying a continuous redemptive history culminating in the atoning work of Christ on the cross, fulfilling everything.\

Hyssop is seen within repentance and inner renewal.

/David references an inner cleansing and true purification in Psalm 51- hyssop transcends a mere ritual, to symbolize a genuine turning from sin and dependence on God’s transforming power. It gives an outward picture of inward cleansing, reminding Believers that the transformation must be more than ceremonial.\

We can not play Yo-Yo games with God.

Using rebound as a license to sin, manipulating and playing games with the grace of God is a recipe for discipline.

Hyssop’s role in scripture highlights the call to personal purity and devotion, as in the right thing done in the right way.

/God teaches us, that external rites and elements like Hyssop, point toward inward transformation and God’s ultimate provision for cleansing. In Christ, the old symbols- Passover lamb, sacrificial blood, holy days, hyssop-sprinkling… etc. have their fulfillment in Christ. Revealing that holiness is never purely external, but the result of divine grace working in an obedient heart.\

Your faith is seen in your positive attitude toward the plan of God.

Mankind is attracted to the exterior; we get tickled by the rituals and works, yet it is our inner being, our soul that matters.

/When fallen man takes the free will given to them and turns toward GOD as an open and willing vessel, it is then that the divine cleansing, salvation, restoration, protection and guidance happens within the soul. It has always been about the spiritual transformation within in, that matters – all rituals and symbols or shadows were teachings us and proclaiming the power of the coming Messiah.\

/Hyssop’s appearances in both the Old and New Testaments create a vivid set of lessons and symbolism. Referenced from the Passover in Exodus to the crucifixion of Christ, hyssop consistently shows us God’s promise and power to purify. Whether seen in cleansing rituals or as a metaphor for spiritual renewal, hyssop serves as a concrete reminder of divine grace because we are helpless and hopeless without the power, grace and mercy of GOD.\

Something as simple and natural as Hyssop points us to God’s perfect plan.

Your OSN is not more powerful than GOD’s perfect plan and divine power.

Hyssop, therefore, stands as an enduring symbol of cleansing, sanctification, and the ultimate redemption made available through the sacrificial Lamb - TLJC, whose blood truly cleanses the whole world from all sin.