



Psalm 51:5 & 7

Explain the Context:

From your reading provide a short answer to the following:

What is the theme of these verses?	What is the BIG Idea?
What is something that surprised you?	What are these verses <i>not</i> saying?

Take a moment to consider these questions:

- 1) What have you believed about the idea of “original sin”?

- 2) How does reading verse 5 through the lens that these are David’s words of confession and lament influence your reading in a different way?

3) Hyssop had many uses in the ancient world – with both purging (internal) and cleansing (external) properties. David asks God to “purge him with hyssop” or “clean out my insides”. Does this alter your view of God’s forgiveness of sin in your own life? If so, how?

Apply the Scripture

Write the verse that stood out to you while reading [in this translation or your favorite].

How does this verse challenge you? Does it reveal an attribute of God's character?

For further study:

- 2 Samuel 11 & 12
- Job 14:4
- Psalm 58:3
- Isaiah 1:18