

III. Nature and Description of the Scriptures

1. Characteristics

- a. Pure: Psalms 12:6; Psalm 19:9, Psalm 51:10

Bible Verses used tonight:

Bible Verse (ESV)	Page Number (Pew Bible)
Psalms 12:6	534
1 John 1:5	1210
Psalm 19:9	538
Proverbs 2:4-6	626
Psalm 51:1-12	560

Questions for reflection:

Have you ever paused to consider what 'pure' means when we talk about the Word of God? Why might God emphasize the purity of His Word to us?

If God is pure and light with no darkness, how does that challenge or comfort you in your walk with Him?

How do you 'Fear of the Lord' in your life? In what ways does God's splendor and majesty influence you?

Can you recall a time when you deeply felt the need for a 'clean heart' and a 'right spirit'? What led to this time?

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How many of you see similarities between David's prayer and your own journey to Christ? Do you remember the words or feelings you had when you first turned to God?

What does 'believing in the Lord' look like? Is it merely an intellectual agreement, or is it something deeper, more transformative?

A Davidic Sinners Prayer

Themes in the Sinner's Prayer	Corresponding Verses from Psalm 51
Acknowledgment of sin	"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me." (v. 3)
Asking for forgiveness	"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" (v. 1-2)
Recognition of God's righteousness	"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment." (v. 4)
Desire for purification / a fresh start	"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (v. 7)
Asking God's transformation	"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (v. 10)
Fear of separation from God	"Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me." (v. 11)
Desire for joy and a renewed relationship	"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." (v. 12)