

# CLEARING THE DECKS

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Sometimes things from our past come back to trouble us.

We thought we had dealt with it but it still haunts.

Psalm 51 is the way forward.

The psalmist prays earnestly to God:  
*"Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, do not take your holy spirit from me".*

The psalmist goes further: *"Restore to me the joy of your salvation."*

In other words, joy replaces the returning gloom in his life.

And there is a reward for genuineness and humility before God.

It is contained in the Sermon on the Mount: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

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