

## **VERSES ON CONFESSION**

*(See Verses on Forgiveness, Forgiveness of God, Mercy of God)*

**Ge 3:8-13** 8 They heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, Where are you? 10 He said, I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? 12 The man said, The woman whom you gave with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate. 13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

**Ge 3:21** 21 Yahweh God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**Ex 30:18-21** 18 You shall...make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, 19 with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. 20 When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to Yahweh, they shall wash with water so that they may not die. 21 They shall wash their hands and their feet so that they may not die.

**Ex 34:9** 9 Let Yahweh go along in our midst, even though the people [of Israel] are so obstinate, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as your own possession.

**Ex 40:30-32** 30 [Moses] placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing. 31 From it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. 32 When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

**Le 26:40-42** 40 If [the Israelites] confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, 41 so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

**Nu 14:17-20** 17 Now please let the power of Yahweh be great as you have promised saying, 18 Yahweh is slow to anger and abounding in loyal love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation. 19 Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your loyal love just as you have forgiven this people from Egypt until now. 20 Then Yahweh said, I have pardoned according to your word.

**Jdg 10:10-16** 10 The sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh saying, We have sinned against you, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals. 11 Yahweh said to the sons of

Israel, Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the sons of Ammon, and the Philistines? 12 Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites, and the Maonites oppressed you, you cried out to me, and I delivered you from their hands. 13 Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods. Therefore I will no longer deliver you. 14 Go and cry out to the gods that you have chosen. Let them deliver you in the time of your distress. 15 The sons of Israel said to Yahweh, We have sinned. Do to us whatever seems good to you, only please deliver us this day. 16 So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served Yahweh, and he could bear the misery of Israel no longer.

**1 Sa 7:3-4** 3 Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel saying, If you return to Yahweh with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroah from among you, direct your hearts to Yahweh, and serve him alone, then he will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines. 4 So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroah and served Yahweh alone.

**1 Ki 8:46-50** 46 If they [the people of Israel] sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, 47 yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, repent, and plead with you in the land of their captors saying, We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly, 48 if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who carried them captive and pray to you toward their land that you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, 49 then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, maintain their cause, 50 forgive your people who have sinned against you and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them mercies (רַחֲמִים) in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have mercy (רַחֵם) on them.

**1 Ch 21:8** 8 David said to God, I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.

**Ezr 9:5-7** 5 At the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands to Yahweh my God 6 saying: O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. 7 From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as it is today.

**Ne 1:5-7** 5 I [Nehemiah] beseech you, Yahweh God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and loyal love (חַסְדֶּךָ) for those who love (אָהַבְךָ) him and keep (שָׁמְרֵם) his commandments, 6 let your ear now be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I am praying before you now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel your servants, confessing (יָדָה) the sins of the sons of Israel that we have sinned against you. I and my father's house have sinned (חָטָא). 7 We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.

**Ne 9:33-35** 33 You [God] are just (צַדִּיק) in all that has come upon us [Israel], for you have dealt truthfully (אֱמֶת), but we have acted wickedly. 34 For our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law nor paid attention to your commandments and your admonitions with which you have admonished them. 35 But they, in their own kingdom, with your great goodness that you gave them, with the broad and rich land that you set before them, did not serve you or turn from their evil deeds.

**Ps 19:12-13** 12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me [David] of hidden faults. 13 Also keep back your servant from insolent sins (מַגְזִיִּים). Let them not rule over me. Then I will be innocent (תָּמֵם), and I will be acquitted of great transgression.

**Ps 25:7** 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions. According to your loyal love (חַסְדֶּךָ) remember me [David], on account of your goodness (טוֹב), Yahweh.

**Ps 32:1-5** 1 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! 2 How blessed is the man to whom Yahweh does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit! 3 When I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My vitality was drained away with the fever heat of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Ps 38:1-8** 1 Yahweh, rebuke me not in your wrath, and chasten me not in your burning anger. 2 For your arrows have sunk deep into me, and your hand has pressed down on me. 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation. There is no health in my bones because of my sin. 4 For my iniquities are gone over my head. As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me. 5 My wounds grow foul and fester because of my folly. 6 I am bent over and greatly bowed down. I go mourning all day long. 7 For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am benumbed and badly crushed. I groan because of the agitation of my heart.

**Ps 38:18** 18 I confess my iniquity. I am full of anxiety because of my sin.

**Ps 40:11-12** 11 You, Yahweh, will not withhold your mercies (רַחֲמִים) from me. Your loyal love (חַסְדֶּךָ) and your truth (אֱמֶת) will continually preserve me. 12 For evils beyond number have surrounded me. My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see. They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me.

**Ps 41:4** 4 Yahweh, be gracious (חַנּוּן) to me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

**Ps 51:1-12** 1 Be gracious (חַנּוּן) to me, God, according to your loyal love (חַסְדֶּךָ). According to the greatness of your mercies (רַחֲמִים) blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified (צַדִּיק) when you speak and blameless (זָכוּה) when you judge (שֹׁפֵט). 5 Look, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Look, you desire truth

(אָמַת) in the innermost being, and in the hidden part you will make me know (יָדַע) wisdom (חָכְמָה). 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness. Let the bones which you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation (יְשׁוּעָה), and support (סָמַךְ) me with a willing spirit.

**Ps 66:18-20** 18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, Yahweh will not hear. 19 But certainly God has heard. He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer nor his loyal love (חֶסֶד) from me.

**Ps 103:8-14** 8 Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loyal love toward those who fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows mercy (רַחֵם) to his children, so Yahweh shows mercy (רַחֵם) to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust.

**Ps 119:176** 176 I have wandered about (תָּעָה) like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

**Ps 130:1-4** 1 Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh. 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading for grace (תְּחַנּוּן). 3 If you, Yahweh, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is pardon (סְלִיחָה) with you, that you may be feared (יִרָא).

**Ps 139:23-24** 23 Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

**Pr 20:9** 9 Who can say, I have made my heart pure. I am clean from my sin?

**Pr 28:13** 13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes will find mercy (רַחֵם).

**Is 1:16-18** 16 Wash yourselves. Make yourselves clean. Remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes. Cease to do evil. 17 Learn to do good. Seek justice. Correct oppression. Bring justice to the fatherless. Plead the widow's cause. 18 Come now, let us reason together, says Yahweh. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

**Is 6:5-7** 5 I [Isaiah] said: Woe is me, for I am lost! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. For my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of hosts! 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had

taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: Look, this has touched your lips. Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.

**Is 38:17** 17 It is you who has kept my soul from the pit of nothingness, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

**Is 43:25** 25 I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**Is 44:22** 22 I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

**Is 55:7** 7 Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them return to Yahweh, that he may have mercy (חַסֵּד) on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Is 59:2** 2 Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

**Is 59:12-15** 12 Our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: 13 transgressing, denying Yahweh, turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, and conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. 14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away, for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. 15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Yahweh saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice (מִשְׁפָּט).

**Is 64:6-7** 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment. And all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities take us away like the wind. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, who arouses himself to take hold of you. For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

**Je 3:13** 13 Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against Yahweh your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares Yahweh.

**Je 3:24-25** 24 The shameful thing has consumed the labor of our fathers since our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. 25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation cover us. For we have sinned against Yahweh our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God.

**Je 4:14** 14 Wash your heart from evil, Jerusalem, that you may be saved. How long will your wicked thoughts lodge within you?

**Je 14:7** 7 Although our iniquities testify against us, Yahweh, act for your name's sake! Truly our apostasies have been many. We have sinned against you.

**La 3:40** 40 Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to Yahweh.

**Da 9:5-8** 5 We have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 To you, Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 To us, Yahweh, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

**Ho 5:15** 15 I will go away...until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their affliction they will earnestly seek me.

**Ho 14:1-4** 1 Return, Israel, to Yahweh your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. 2 Take with you words and return to Yahweh. Say to him, Take away all iniquity. Accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. 3 Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride on horses, and we will say no more, Our God, to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds compassion (רחם). 4 I will heal their apostasy. I will love them freely, for my anger (אף) has turned from them.

**Mt 6:12** 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Mt 6:14-15** 14 If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Lk 5:8-9** 8 When Simon Peter saw [the large number of fish], he fell down at Jesus' knees saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord. 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.

**Lk 15:20-24** 20 While [the son] was still a long way off, his father saw him, felt compassion, ran, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. 22 But the father said to his slaves, Quickly! Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and has come to life again. He was lost and has been found. And they began to celebrate.

**Lk 18:13-14** 13 The tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me—the sinner! 14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified.

**Jn 13:8-10** 8 Peter said to [Jesus], You shall never wash (νίπτω, aor.) my feet. Jesus answered him, If I do not wash (νίπτω, aor.) you, you have no share with me. 9 Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head! 10 Jesus said to him, The one who has bathed (λούω, perf. pass. part.) does not need to wash (νίπτω, aor.), except for his feet, but is completely clean (καθαρός).

**Ac 19:18-20** 18 Many of those who were now believers came, confessing (ἐξομολογέω, pres.) and disclosing (ἀναγγέλλω, pres.) their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

**1 Co 11:28** 28 A man must examine (δοκιμάζω, pres.) himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

**2 Co 13:5** 5 Test yourselves whether you are in the faith. Examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Messiah is in you, unless indeed you fail the test?

**Jas 4:8-10** 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**Jas 5:16** 16 Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

**1 Jn 1:5-2:1** 5 God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Messiah the righteous.