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David, after having sinned grievously, acknowledged his sin and repented of it in Psa 51:5–6, *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”* David and all true believers know that they cannot hide anything from God—He knows everything already—so they approach him as honestly as they know how, begging Him for mercy, since they are altogether guilty.

Psa 145:18 teaches, *“The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.”* God reveals a very important biblical principle in Mat 23:12, *“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.”*

Psa 9:12 asserts, *“... he [God] forgetteth not the cry of the humble.”* Repeatedly in the Bible, God echoes His sentiment toward the humble, as Isa 57:15 declares, *“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”* Mic 6:8 further adds, *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*

We read of Moses in Num 12:3, *“Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.”* Also, we find this recorded in Mat 11:29 of the Lord Jesus Himself, *“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”* 1 Pet 5:5 also addresses this subject: *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”*

The last attribute that we want to discuss is the fear of God, which God also gives to those who cry out to God for mercy in truth and humility, as the Bible insists in Jer 32:39–40: *“And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.”*

Psa 103:13 describes God’s great love for His people: *“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.”* Pro 14:27 further explains, *“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.”* What are *“the snares of death”*? This is referring to eternal damnation in Hell, which is what you and I surely deserve because we are sinners. Luke 12:5 presents this ominous statement: *“But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.”* Lastly, Isa 8:13 admonishes us, *“Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.”*

