

OT 503 OA Reading The Old Testament
Research Synopsis

I. The Text: I would like to look at Psalm 51: 1-4 (NIV):

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

II. Sources (as of 3/30/2021)

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III. Critical Methodologies:

- A. Historical

- B. Source
- C. Tradition