

Lesson in the International Bible Series for October 18, 1903—David's Confession.

THE LESSON TEXT (Ps. 51:1-17)

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness, according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. 4. Against Thee, Thou only, have I sinned, and gone thus evil in Thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest. 5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. 9. Hide Thy face from my sin, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. 12. Help me with Thy righteousness, and stablish me with Thy truth. 13. Then will I teach transgressors Thy way; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. 14. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God; Thou art merciful, and gracious. 15. Let Thy bow be always open, and Thy mercies be as the dew upon Zion. 16. Let Thy truth, O God, be continually in the king's court. 17. Let Thy righteousness be as the dew upon Sion, and as the dew upon the mountain of Zion. GOLDEN TEXT.—Create in me a clean heart, O God.—Ps. 51:10. NOTES AND COMMENTS. (2 Sam. 11—12:25.) David stood the tests of adversity better than those of prosperity. Ease and luxury were beginning to tell on his character. Instead of leading his armies into battle as formerly, he now left them to Joab, and remained himself in his harem at Jerusalem. The fact that in those days it was considered eminently proper for a king to have a harem did not make that harem less demoralizing. The sad story of David's moral weakness when tempted, and then of his deliberate murder to conceal his sin and add another woman to his harem, is told in Chap. 11. "Thus far," says Aclen, "the story belongs to the usual crimes of an oriental despot. . . . What follows, however, could have been found nowhere in the ancient world but in the Jewish monarchy." When after the terrible year lived with a guilty conscience, the prophet Nathan again appeared before David to do the hard duty of a friend (12:1-12), David broke down completely, confessing his sin and repenting with a repentance that was really a change of life. Black as the sin had been, Jehovah forgave the penitent man, but the results of the sin troubled David's life to the end. (Ps. 51:1-5.) In connection with this story of the sin and repentance of Israel's greatest king, we study the marvelous prayer for pardon in the Fifty-first Psalm. It is not known who wrote this Psalm, but it fits David's circumstances so fully that many suppose it was written by him after the visit of Nathan. In its words the penitence and aspiration of those who have done wrong have found expression through all the centuries to the present time. Is there not a place for the confession and prayer of the first few verses in every Christian experience? The one offering the prayer has hope, but it is in God's loving kindness rather than in his own deserts. "Against Thee, Thou only, have I sinned." The very natural feeling of the heart, whatever its sin, as it bows before the loving and righteous God to whom in its sin it has been untrue. The Psalms are written in the language of the feelings. "That thou mayest be justified." "By confessing my guilt I admit that Thy condemnation is just."

(Vs. 6-12) "Purify me with hyssop." "Pronounce me clean from my sin just as the priest pronounces the leper clean as he sprinkles him with the hyssop branch." "Gladness." That comes only with a sense of sin put away and forgiven. "Bones . . . broken." "A very strong figure, denoting the most complete prostration."—Perowne. (Vs. 13-17) "Then will I teach." No one can bring others to Christ more effectively than the one who has come close to God's fatherly heart in this experience of contrition and forgiveness. "Thy praise." An expression of the joy that fills the heart of the prodigal after his return to the father's house. "Thou delightest not in sacrifice." Nor in any other external thing in itself, but in a real, vital change of heart.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. One's sins may be very numerous, but the multitude of God's tender mercies outnumber them. Confession and forsaking of sin are necessary in order to obtain God's pardon. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity." In cleansing from sin no one should desire half measures. The best thing is to be respected, and the next is to be loved; it is bad to be hated, but worse still to be despised.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

To Pass in a Crowd. Pedestrian Citizen—So you're going to try to see th' sights, ar yeh, like? He—Yep. Citizen—Wall, wear them Sunday clothes that don't fit; leave y'r hair stringin' around same as now; turn up y'r pants at th' bottom; take my ole cane an' carry it upside down, an' ne one will ever suspect you come from the country.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Injuries Enumerated. Casey—Shure, they do be tellin' me that Big Molke Monohan was knocked down be an' automobile yesterday—wor there any bones broke, I dunno? Conley—Troth, an' there wor;—th' owner av th' devil wagon got his nose broke, th' chawfer got his jaw broke, an' Big Molke broke th' steend knuckle av his roight fish!—Puck.

Last Thing Considered. Crawford—In looking over a catalogue of automobile sundries I was surprised at the number of things invented for the protection of the chauffeur. Crabshaw—I wonder how many more accidents there will be before they invent something to protect the pedestrian.—Town Topics.

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Worse and More of It. Amateur Critic—Splendid picture, really. Allow me to compliment you. But why did you choose such an ugly model? "She's my sister." "Oh, pardon! How foolish of me. I ought, of course, to have noticed the resemblance."—Tit-Bits.

Decidedly Slow. Ernie—He is the slowest young man I ever met. I thought he came in the parlor to make love. Ethel—Well, didn't he say he was beside himself? Ernie—Beside himself? Why, he should have been beside me.—Chicago Daily News.

Sour Grapes. "I believe," said the girl with the new engagement ring, "that men and women should marry their opposites." "That being the case," rejoined the maid with a streak of envy in her makeup, "I suppose your fiancé is everything that's nice."—Chicago News.

Canine Wisdom. "I wonder why a dog always turns around three times before lying down?" asked the inquisitive man. "He evidently believes that one good turn deserves another," answered the wise guy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mixing the Colors. It is quite plainly to be seen That men who paint the town A glowing red must have the "green" And freely plank it down.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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