

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JUNE 13

BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS.

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is he whose
transgression is forgiven, whose sin is
covered—Psalm 32:1.

This psalm is believed to have
grown out of David's experience with
Nathan (see Rom. 4:6-8). It is the
second of the seven so-called "peni-
tential psalms" (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130,
143). While it is sad, it is at the same
time one of the most joyful of all
psalms. It is the record of bitter sor-
row and also of heartfelt praise, and
is as vital in its message today as the
day it was given to the world.

I. The State or Condition of Happi-
ness. (1) What is happiness? vv.
1, 2. The blessed or happy man is the
one whose sin is covered. God only
can forgive sin and has plainly set
before us his agency, viz., the shed
blood. David as king enjoyed the
pleasures of life, but he also knew the
result of hidden sin, of sins covered.
The joy of forgiveness is offered to
all who accept God's gift of justifica-
tion (Acts 10:43). The psalmist seems
to multiply words. "Transgression" means
rebellion; "sin" to miss the mark
(Rom. 3:23); "iniquity," to be
crooked. When men try to cover sin
we are expressly told the result (Prov.
28:13), but God literally takes away
when he forgives and "covers" sin
(John 1:29; Ps. 103:12; 85:2). Nei-
ther man or devil can uncover what
he has covered. (2) Who is unhappy?
vv. 3, 4. Contrasted with the state or
condition of happiness granted to the
forgiven sinner is presented that of
those unforgiven. David kept silence
without only to have a raging tempest
within—lips silent, bones "roaring."
During the days of David's silence fol-
lowing his sinful act he was guilty of
increased acts of sin and cruelty (2
Sam. 12:31). The origin of the word
Selah is not known. It probably indi-
cated a musical interlude and in this
psalm most appropriately and dramat-
ically appears. (3) How we may be
happy, vv. 5, 6. All sin is uncovered
to God. His all-seeing eye can pene-
trate man's futile endeavors to hide
his transgressions. The first step to
forgiveness and to happiness is con-
fession of guilt. God's heavy hand
wrought saving faith in David and
such faith has as its first condition
confession, "I acknowledged my sin."
Such confession is full and frank.
Nothing is held back nor has it any
element of hypocrisy, and it always
secures results (I John 1:9; Luke 15:
20-23).

The godly man, the man who is the
recipient of God's grace thus bestowed,
prays in a time "when thou mayest be
found," or (see margin) "in the time
of finding out sin" (v. 6 R. V.). The
prophet tells us that there is a time
when we may not find God (Isa. 58:6)
and Paul tells us when he may be
found (II Cor. 6:2).

II. How to Continue in the State of
Being Happy. (1) Our security (v. 7).
When men forgive they do not "cover."
What God hides he forgets (Isa. 38:17;
Micah 7:19). Our security, our "hid-
ing place" is Jehovah. Our preserver
is Jehovah (Ps. 91:31; Isa. 32:1, 2).
Jehovah preserves from trouble those
whom he forgives (Ps. 34:19). Such
men have a serenity, a "peace" even
the "peace of God" which the sinner
can never have (Isa. 26:3; Rom. 5:1;
Phil. 4:7). (2) Our instructor (vv. 8,
9). (a) Positively—we have one who
not only forgives and blots out the
past but one who has promised to
"instruct," to "teach" and to "guide."
Nearly all believe that the introduc-
tion of the personal pronouns in verse
8 indicate that God is speaking in
response to David's appeal recorded in
verse 6. Jehovah guides with his "eye
upon" us (v. 8 R. V.). He instructs
us by his spirit through his Word
(Ps. 119:105; John 16:13). (b) Negat-
ively—Some must needs be directed by
"bit and bridle." Some have to
learn through bitter experience. We
have our choice. Those who will not
listen to instruction are compared to
the horse and the mule who "have no
understanding." Even so they are
more useful than those who wildly
run after sin. Only thus can some
"come near" (v. 9 R. V.) though that
is better than not to be brought near
at all. (3) Our faith (v. 9). What
kind of a life will God's forgiven chil-
dren live? What is one of the fore-
most characteristics of a happy life?
Here is the answer, "He that trusteth
in the Lord." This is the conclusion
of the whole matter.

Our only joy is in the Lord "who
hath done marvelous things whereof
we are glad."

Christ is the incarnate mercy and
grace of God. In him we have God's
forgiveness.
He supplies our every need (Phil.
4:19). He pardons, heals, restores, di-
rects, gives power (Matt. 28:18-20).
Joy and impurity are never compan-
ions. Only the pure can purify. Only
the healthy can heal. Only the right-
eous and free can pardon.

"Rejoice in Jehovah! and leap for
joy, O righteous! and gladly shout all
ye upright in heart."—MacLaren.

To shout a godly and acceptable
shout demands that we be "upright in
heart."



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ROCKWOOD.

Chann Fisher of Somerset was in
town recently on business. Mr. Fisher
who was a partner with his father,
has taken over the business of the
firm, Fisher & Son.

J. C. Enos, assistant cashier of the
Farmers and Merchants National
bank, has resigned and will soon en-
gage in the mercantile business as
a partner in the firm of Enos & Phil-
lippi, which recently purchased the J.
C. McSpadden establishment.

There will probably be a day and
a night shift at the Quemahoning
workings near here from the recent
big contract the company has received
to supply three important naval
bases.

Rockwood may become the most
important railroad center between
Cumberland and Pittsburgh as the re-
sult of the recent agreement by which
the Western Maryland is to haul coal
from Somerset county and the Fair-
mont district over the tracks of the
Baltimore & Ohio railroad. So far as
the coal traffic is concerned it is be-
lieved among railroad men that the
Western Maryland will make Rock-
wood its main terminal. Confluence
is hoping that it will be the town se-
lected owing to the fact that the Western
Maryland owns sufficient ground
for the construction of large yards.

Mrs. W. Zuffall and daughter, Alta,
and grandson are visiting relatives in
Kingwood. They expect to leave Rock-
wood within the next two weeks for
the state of Washington, where they
will spend six months. Before return-
ing home they purpose spending some
times in Kansas and Nebraska.

About \$100 have been subscribed
toward a fund for a great celebration
on July 4th. That date is also the one
for the I. O. O. F. reunion to be held
and one of the largest crowds ever in
Rockwood is expected.

Frank Miller and two sons, Ralph
and Clyde have gone to Buffalo where

they will spend several weeks with
the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.
B. Miller. Mr. Miller will accompany
his father, J. B. Miller to Philadelphia
where he will undergo an operation
on his eyes which have been failing
him for some time past.

Mrs. Mary A. Pike, of Raisin, Cal-
ifornia, and her daughter, Mrs. Annie
Miller, of Waterloo, Iowa, are visiting
relatives in this county, at present
being at Rockwood.

CONFLUENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, of Pitts-
burg, have returned to their home af-
ter visiting Mr. Butler's parents at
Johnson Chapel for several days.

Mrs. Rhoda Glover, mother of Mrs.
A. C. Eicher, died at her home at Fort
Hill after an illness of some months.
She was well known here her maiden
name being Burnworth and she was
born and grew to womanhood near
Johnson Chapel. The interment took
place at Johnson Chapel on Friday
morning.

Rev. E. B. Boyer started on Wed-
nesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where he
will visit his brothers for several
weeks.

Mrs. O. B. Maddox and little son,
James, have returned to their home in
Fairmont, W. Va. after a visit of sev-
eral weeks with Mrs. Maddox's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Show.

Mrs. C. Baker, formerly Miss Eliza-
beth Newcomer, who was recently
married has gone to Cumberland to
join her husband.

David Cronin has returned from
a several days' visit at Meyersdale on
business.

The body of Mrs. Lucinda Augus-
tine, who died at the home of her son
in Pittsburgh was brought here on
Thursday and was taken to Addison,
her old home for interment.

A number of Confluence people at-
tended the funeral of Mrs. Rhoda
Glover, at Johnson's Chapel on Fri-

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ter visiting his son, Benjamin at
Somersfield.
Miss Grace Blackledge, of Kansas
City, who directed the entertainment
"Tom Thumb's Wedding," in the Luth-
eran Church Friday evening has gone
to Finlyville to conduct a similar en-
tertainment.
Misses Ruth Burnworth and Thura
Fike are in Meyersdale as delegates
to the Sunday School convention from
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Cash and due from Banks... 79,855.22	Deposits... 468,506.89
Total Resources... \$650,348.85	Total Liabilities... \$650,348.85

Growth as shown in following statements made to Comptroller of Currency.

ASSETS	
July 15, '08	\$262,014.92
June 23, '09	\$411,680.13
March 7, '11	\$512,574.48
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