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LESSON V.-DAVID'S REPENTANCE.

[Aug. 3.

Psalm 51. 1-19.



1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies a blot out my transgressions. a Col. 2. 14.

2 Wash b me throughly from

mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

b Heb. 9. 14; 1 John 1. 7; Rev. 1. 5. For c I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

c Psa. 32. 5.

4 Against d thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil e in thy sight; f that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

d Gen. 39. 9. —e Luke 15. 21. – -f Rom. 3. 4. 5 Behold, g I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother a conceive me.

g Job 14. 4; John 3. 6; Rom. 5. 12; Eph. 2. 3.-

a Warm 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. #39 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

12710 Create h in me a clean heart, O God; and renew b a right spirit within me.

h Acts 15. 9; Eph. 2. 10.—b Or, a constant spirit.

AT11 Cast me not away i from thy presence; and take not thy j Holy Spirit from me. i Gen. 4. 14. — j Ezek. 36. 27; Rom. 8. 9.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free k spirit; 2 Cor. 3, 17

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from c blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice, d else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt-

offering.

d Or, that I should give it.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with l the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

l Mal. 3. 3.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

In the record of David's prosperity a dark blot appears upon the page in the story of David's sin. He committed two grievous crimes. He robbed an unsuspecting man of his wife, and then to hide his guilt caused the innocent husband to be murdered by the swords of enemies. It is noticeable that the Scripture does not conceal nor gloss over the wickedness