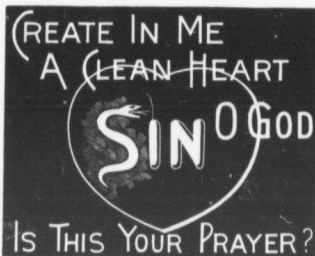


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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.

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WHAT BROUGHT THE CHANGE?

DAVID'S
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"I WILL CONFESS MY TRANSGRESSIONS."

"If we confess our sins he is faithful . . . to forgive."

The Teachers' Meeting.

This psalm records: (1) David's joy to the new experience of forgiveness (verses 1, 2); (2) His memory of the bitter days of guilt (verses 3, 4);

(3) His confession and forgiveness (verse 5); (4) His confident trust in the protection of God (verses 6, 7); (5) His counsel to others (verses 8, 9); (6) His closing exhortation to joy in the Lord (verses 10, 11). . . . Observe the words used with reference to sin, and their meaning. . . . Show from the lesson some of the miseries of the unrepentant condition: (1) Remorse; (2) Bitter memories; (3) Guilty consciousness; (4) Physical suffering. . . . The steps to pardon are here shown: (1) Repentance; (2) Confession; (3) Prayer. . . . The privileges of the unforgiven sinner as here exhibited: (1) Happiness; (2) Protection; (3) Safety; (4) Wisdom from experience (verse 8); (5) Rejoicing. . . . The benefits of the forgiven sinner to others: (1) As an encouragement (verse 6); (2) As an example; (3) As an adviser. . . . Or, take the outline suggested in *Illustrative Notes*. It is entitled "The Story of a Forgiven Sinner." (1) His sin. Explain terms used. (2) His discipline, not punishment, but treatment which led to his repentance. (3) His confession, whole-hearted, public. (4) His forgiveness, immediate and complete. (5) His blessedness: (a) He is delivered from trouble—the sorrow ending when salvation came; (b) He receives instruction and guidance—what a privilege to have such personal care! (c) He is surrounded by God's grace; (d) He possesses joy; the past is forgiven; God is his friend; his conscience is at ease; the future cannot alarm.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

Come, said Jesus' sacred voice.
Hasten, sinner, to be wise.
Just as I am.
Prince of peace, control my will.
Lord, at thy mercy-seat.

No. 2.

Hear thou my prayer.
Still, still with thee.
I bring my sins to thee.
Come, every soul by sin oppressed.
O what amazing words of grace.

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LESSON VIII. ABSALOM'S REBELLION.

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GOLDEN TEXT. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exod. 20. 12.

Authorized Version.

2 Sam. 15. 1-12. [Commit to memory verses 4-6.]

1 And it came to pass after this, that Ab'sa-lom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Ab'sa-lom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any

Revised Version.

1 And it came to pass after this, that Ab'sa-lom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Ab'sa-lom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Ab'sa-lom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou?

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3 And are good the king

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