

Psalm 32—Memory Verse, 5.

Golden Text—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—
Psalm 32 : 1.



1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. *Se'lah.*

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Se'lah.*

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Se'lah.*

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In our last Lesson we saw how King David sinned very grievously against God. He had brought about the death of a brave and faithful soldier. God sent his prophet Nathan to rebuke the king for his great sin, and David became truly sorry for it. He bowed his head in grief. He remembered how God had loved him and had guided him all his life.

God had given him the victory over the giant Goliath. His heavenly Father had saved him from Saul's wicked anger. Then, at last, God had made him a great king.

Yet, after all this loving-kindness, David had broken God's rules. No wonder he could neither eat nor sleep. He was sick with sorrow.

But King David went back to God. He knelt down and began to pray: "Have mercy upon me, O God. . . Against thee . . . have

I sinned. . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

God heard David's prayer. He always hears His children when they are truly sorry for their sins. The Lord freely forgave David, and took him back into His tender, loving care.

How thankful David was! How his love and praises went up to God! David never again was quite so happy as he had been before he did the wicked deed. But God had forgiven him and his heart was at rest, so that he could say, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

David remembered how full of sorrow and trouble he had been until his sin was forgiven. He had been like one sick with a raging burning fever. But as soon as he confessed his sin the Lord forgave him. And