

From what source alone does David look for deliverance?

What authority is there for believing that this was David's own experience? (Rom. 4. 6.)

What blessings does David expect will come from forgiven sin? (Psalm 51. 10-13.)

What is the warning of verse 9?

Who have many sorrows?

Who is sure of abundant mercy?

Who are exhorted to great joy?

When should God's people rejoice? (1 Thess. 5. 16.)

In what attitude does God stand toward the willing soul that confesses its sin?

What sort of character does God desire to form in men?

Practical Teachings.

1. **SIN.**—Who has not sinned? Who has not been scourged? "The wages of sin is death."

2. **FORGIVENESS.**—Who has not been forgiven? Often has forgiveness come from father and mother and friend. But has God forgiven? Why not? He is willing. "There is forgiveness with Thee, that thou mayest be feared." Hear Jesus pray, "Father, forgive them."

3. **PEACE.**—Have you peace? Said Jesus, "Peace I leave with you." You may have it, but not in sin. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That sin needs forgiveness?

2. That sin calls for confession.

3. That true penitence brings pardon!

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Verses 1-5.

1. What is meant by transgressing? What is God's forgiveness like?

2. How does God regard the forgiven one? From what must we be free?

3. What is the effect of trying to hide our guilt and fear?

4. How was God's hand heavy upon David?

5. When did he acknowledge his sin? How did he show that he was in earnest? To whom did he confess?

2. Verses 6-11.

6. When saved ourselves what should we do? May we seek the Lord too late? To what does David compare God's judgment? How does he describe the believer's safety?

7. From what is God our refuge? Show that a great change had taken place in his case.

8. Whom does he seek to instruct?

9. If we fail to follow the advice of good men and seek the Lord, what then?

10. What will follow sin?

11. Why should Christians rejoice? Is shouting ever justifiable? To what kind of heart does Christ compare the good ground?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Timidity causes many to keep their griefs to themselves. The silent mourner is the greatest sufferer. When God's Spirit strives with us we should lose no time in seeking the Saviour. Religion is valued most in great danger. When saved God does not leave us to ourselves. If gentleness means do not avail God will use severer ones. People pay dear for the pleasures of sin. Religion is good for this life.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What great and good man fell into sin?

Had God forgotten to help him?

What had David forgotten to do?

What was David's sin?

Is selfishness always sin?

Does God love the sinner?

Whom did he send to David to show him his sin?

What did David do when he saw his sin?

Against whom had he sinned?

What did he have to do?

Can anything be hidden from God?

How do we know that David suffered when he was trying to hide his sin? (Verses 3, 4.)

What may we learn from the eighth verse?

I will Remember—

That God knows all I think or say or do.

That he is sorry when he sees me going wrong.

That the safe way is to go and be forgiven.

LESSON OUTLINE.

Three Conditions.

I. THE SINFUL CONDITION.

1. *I kept silence.* v. 3.

Covereth his sins....not prosper. Prov. 28. 13.

2. *My bones waxed old.* v. 3.

No soundness....thine anger. Psalm 38. 3.

3. *Thy hand was heavy upon me.* v. 4.

Thine arrows stick fast. Psalm. 38. 2.

II. THE SEEKING CONDITION.

1. *I acknowledged my sin.* v. 5.

I will arise and go unto my father. Luke 15. 18.

2. *Every one....pray unto thee.* v. 6.

Come boldly....throne of grace. Heb. 4. 16.

3. *In a time....mayest be found.* v. 6.

Seek ye the Lord....found. Isa. 55. 6.