

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR JUNE 13

**BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS.**  
**LESSON TEXT—Psalm 52.**  
**GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered—Psalm 52:1.**

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 "penitential 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 sorrow and also of heartfelt praise, and is as vital in its message today as the day it was given to the world.

1. The State or Condition of Happiness. (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 justification (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). Neither 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 following 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 indicated a musical interlude and in this psalm most appropriately and dramatically appears. (3) How we may be happy, vv. 5, 6. All sin is uncovered to God. His all-seeing eye can penetrate man's futile endeavors to hide his transgressions. The first step to forgiveness and to happiness is confession 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 (1 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. 55:6) 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 "hiding 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 bids out the past but one who has promised to "instruct," to "teach" and to "guide." Nearly all believe that the introduction of the personal pronouns in verse 8 indicates that God is speaking in response to David's appeal recorded in verse 6. Jehovah guides with his "eye upon" us (v. 9 R. V.). He instructs us by his spirit through his Word (Ps. 119:105; John 16:13). (b) Negatively—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 children live? What is one of the foremost 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, directs, gives power (Matt. 28:18-20).  
 Joy and purity are never companions. Only the pure can purify. Only the healthy can heal. Only the righteous 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."

# CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

First Baptist, Corner East Church and Manning Streets.  
 St. John's Methodist, Corner River and McDuffie Streets.  
 First Presbyterian, Corner West Whitner and Towers Streets.  
 Central Presbyterian, Corner North Main and Orr Streets.  
 A. R. P., Corner North McDuffie and Society Streets.  
 Grace Episcopal, Corner South McDuffie and Morriss Streets.  
 Christian, Corner Greenville and Fant Streets.  
 St. Joseph's Catholic, Corner McDuffie and Earle Streets.

### FIRST BAPTIST.

9:15—Teachers' meeting.  
 10:00—Sunday school.  
 11:30—Preaching by Rev. Gordon Potest of Greenville. No evening service. Four o'clock Sunday afternoon, last meeting of Christian Growth club before vacation. Full attendance requested.

### ST. JOHN'S METHODIST

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at the church at 11:30 by Rev. Baxter F. McLendon. Preaching at 4 o'clock and at 8:15 p. m. in tent on North Main street.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The services at the First Presbyterian church will be held as follows tomorrow: Sabbath school at 10 o'clock, under direction of the superintendent, Mr. E. W. Brown. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Fraser, D. D., will preach at 11:30 o'clock. Announcement will be made at the morning hour as to the evening services. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship here. The house is comfortable, the music good and the preaching scriptural. Ushers will meet you at the door, show you to a seat and give you a hymn-book.

### CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday school at 10:15. Morning service at 11:30. Subject of sermon, "Becoming All Things to Save Some." Solo by Miss Menchall. There will be no night service, since we are cooperating with the Methodist church in the McLendon meetings.

### A. R. P. CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10:30, with Mr. G. S. McConnell in the chair. Preaching at 11:30. A cordial welcome is extended to all to worship with us.

### GRACE CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Gibboney, Rector. Phone 835. Services for the second Sunday after Trinity:  
 8:00 a. m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
 10:15—Sunday school.  
 11:30—Morning prayer and sermon.  
 5:00 p. m.—Evening song and sermon.  
 Wednesday, 5:00 p. m.—Evening prayer.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Third Sunday after Pentecost. Mass at 10:30, followed by benediction. Monday morning mass at 7:30 o'clock. Public always welcome.



Phone 37.

Miss Elna Bailes is at home from Richmond, where she has been in training in a hospital for several months.

### In Honor of Miss Laughlin.

Mrs. R. C. Laughlin will entertain a few friends this morning in honor of Miss Flora Laughlin of Mississippi, the attractive guest of Mrs. Wm. Laughlin.

Miss Lois Jackson returned to her home at Iva yesterday afternoon after a visit to friends here. Miss Jackson was an attendant at the Fretwell-Beatty wedding on Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Norris returned to her home in Greenville yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Willett Sloan.

Mrs. Fannie Bronnecks of Walhalla is visiting Mrs. P. K. McCully, Jr., in North Anderson.

### Picture Show Party.

Little Miss Georgia Lee Muldrow entertained a few friends at a delightful little picture show party yesterday afternoon in honor of Little Miss Dorothy Wells of Columbia, the guest of Mrs. G. B. Greene, and Little Miss Martha Young of Clinton, who is visiting Little Miss Sara Townsend. After enjoying the movies, the little folks were invited around to the home of the attractive little hostess and here Mrs. W. J. Muldrow, assisted by Mrs. George Eagle served a dainty sweet course.  
 The guests for the afternoon were: Little Misses Dorothy Wells, Martha Young, Sara Crayton, Mary Burton, Sara Townsend, Lucile Speer, Julia Dickens, Wilma Hudgens, and Emily Frazer.

### For Two Attractive Visitors.

Miss Alleene Franks of Laurens and Miss Margaret Berry of Birmingham, were Mrs. J. B. Townsend's charming guests of honor at a delightful rook party yesterday afternoon at her pretty home on North McDuffie street. Tables were arranged in the large living room, which was filled with the fragrance of many beautiful flowers.  
 After many interesting and merry games, Miss Carrie Fretwell, was presented with the lovely prize, she having made the highest score. The cards were then laid aside and the charming hostess served an elegant salad course. Altogether it was a very delightful occasion and a pretty compliment to these two attractive visitors.

### A Delightful Reception.

Mr. Frank Brownlee and Miss Ruth Brownlee entertained their friends at a delightful reception on Thursday evening at their handsome home on South McDuffie street. Their guests of honor were, Miss Kathleen Watson and Miss Hester Johnstone, of Atlanta, who are their house guests just now, and Miss Catherine Fretwell is also spending the week-end with them. The whole lower floor of this beautiful home was thrown together by means of folding doors, and prettily decorated with daisies and sweet peas. On the broad cool porch, nectar was served by Misses Marion Gray and Hazel Murphy during the evening. At the front door the guest were welcomed by Miss Cecelia von

Hasseln and the evening was delightfully pleasant and informal, part of the time being spent on the beautiful lawn. Mrs. Dave Gray assisted Mrs. Brownlee, while others helping in receiving and entertaining were Miss Marguerite Henry and Catherine Sullivan. A sweet course was served.

### Party For San Francisco to Leave Monday.

Miss Evie Lewis and her party will leave Monday for San Francisco and an extended trip to other points west. They go from here to Chicago and to Lake Winnebago and up along the Canadian line making many interesting stops. At Seattle they take a boat to San Francisco.

On their way home they will visit the Yellow Stone Park. They will be away about eight weeks. Mrs. J. M. Giles will go with the party, and visit her sister in Portland Oregon. The other members of the party besides Miss Lewis are, Mrs. Raymond Beatty, Miss Gene Harris, Miss Leda Poore, of Belton, Miss Mona Burris, Miss Julia Gray, Miss Olivia Duckett and Miss Miriam Lee.

Miss May Russell, Miss Lella Russell and Miss Evie Lewis will spend today with friends in Due West.

### NEW YORK WORK ON AUCTION BRIDGE JUST ISSUED

With Recent Changes in the Laws Made By New York Bridge Whist Club.

We have received an advance copy of an original little book on auction bridge, by Wynne Ferguson, 358 Broadway, New York city, entitled "1915 Auction Bridge."

The work is terse and to the point, based on the fundamentals necessary for sound playing as recognized by the best players. It contains the 1915 rules and a table of auction leads that every player should know, and is of convenient form and size that one may carry in the pocket to consult at odd moments.

This is the first book on the game to sell at a popular price, 25 cents a copy, and the little book should fill a long felt demand. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Union League club and one of the pioneer players of auction in the Knickerbocker Whist club of New York.

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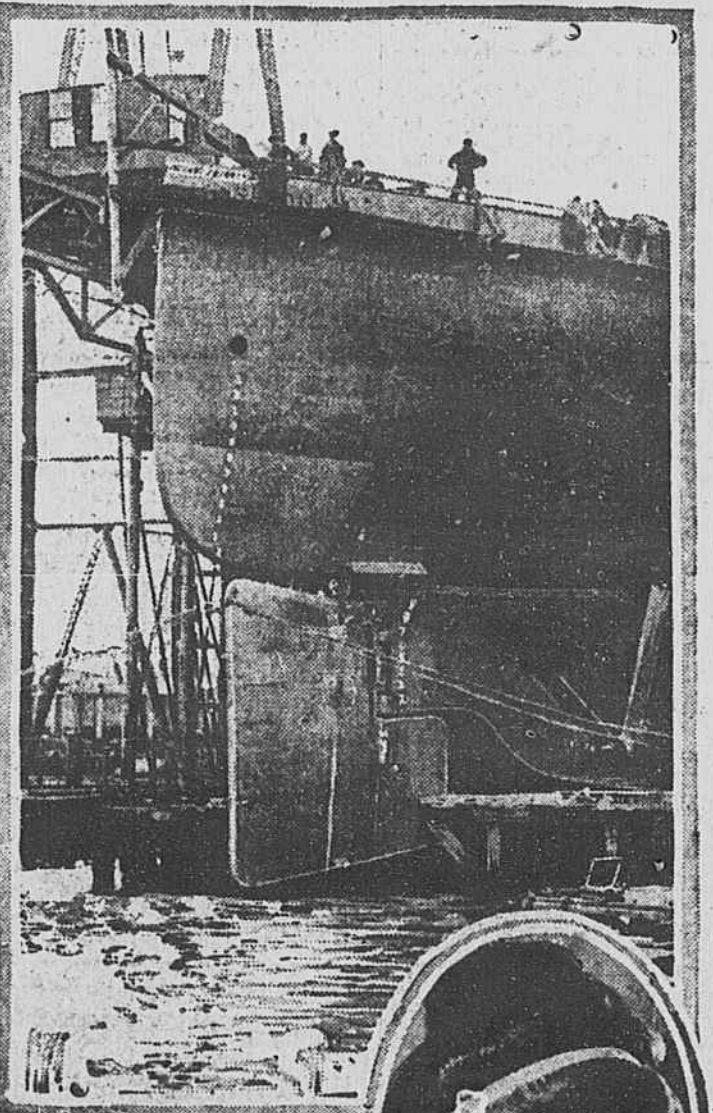
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Uncle Sam will launch another of his great battleships June 19, a ship the equal of anything in the world, except perhaps the Queen Elizabeth, Britain's new battleship, which has been bombarding the forts of the Dardanelles and her four sister ships being launched in Great Britain. The Arizona is a sister ship of the Pennsylvania, which is now in the water. Miss Esther Ross of Prescott, Ariz., selected by Governor Hunt for the honor, will be the sponsor of the great dreadnought.

The most interesting thing about the Arizona, except her fighting ability, is the fact that she is the work of a government navy yard, the New York navy yard, where the Connecticut, the Florida, and the New York were built.

The great rudder of the battleship, here shown, is more than twenty feet in height and considerably over that in length. The vessel from the bottom of the rudder to the decks, where the small figures of the workmen may be seen, is fifty feet in depth.

The Arizona is the thirty-ninth battleship built for the American navy since 1892. Compared to the first American battleship, the Indiana, launched in 1893, the Arizona will be nearly twice as long, half again as wide and of three times as great displacement. Against the Indiana's four 13-inch guns and eight 8-inch, the Arizona will carry twelve 14-inch and twenty-two 5-inch rifles, the same armament as her sister ship, the Pennsylvania, recently launched at Newport News.

In addition to the great size of the new ship's main battery, the guns are of 45-calibre as against the 35-calibre

### Miss Esther Ross.

of the Indiana's 13-inch guns, identical with those aboard the famous old Oregon, which played their part in the battle of Santiago. With the fourteen of the Arizona in her turret, the Oregon could have halted any one of the fleeing Spanish ships almost without leaving her station. The Arizona's guns have a range even at the low elevation of American navy mounds, of fifteen miles or more, against eight or nine miles for the old thirteen.

Against the New York's displacement of 27,000 tons, the Arizona will displace 31,400 tons and will measure 600 feet in length and 97 feet 6 inches in width. She will mount twelve 14-inch guns to the ten fourteen carried by the Texas, and they will be three to a turret, as aboard the Pennsylvania.  
 As she looks in the water immediately after the launching, the ship will have cost the government \$7,425,000. An even greater sum will go for her guns and armor and other equipment, and when she goes into commission her cost to the country will have reached the huge total of \$10,000,000 or more.



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