I Need Forgiveness

Teens

Level 4 Lesson 10

* **Text Verse**

*Ex 32:30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.*

*31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.*

*32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.*

* **Lesson**

It seems that Moses was adamant about the need for forgiveness! From the beginning of time there has been a need for mankind to receive forgiveness. God gives us a chance to be saved when the judgment is death! Adam and Eve got us backed into a corner, but Jesus redeemed us through His blood that He shed on the cross for our sins.

Moses knew that God’s people needed forgiveness, or all would be lost.

*Ps 103:1Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

*2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

*3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

*4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;*

Without God’s forgiveness we cannot enter heaven. Sin will not be allowed, so we must get our sins taken care of beforehand. No one has ever deserved forgiveness. It is a gift from God. The angels that fell from heaven are never granted forgiveness, but God’s people are favored by Him.

*Ps 32:1Blessed 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. Selah.*

*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. Selah.*

Forgiveness does require confession to God, not to an earthly priest, but to God himself. King David records that he worked at acquiring forgiveness of his sins.

The Lord Himself instructed us to ask for forgiveness in the New Testament.

*Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in*

*heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven,*

*so in earth.*

*3 Give us day by day our daily bread.*

*4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

Then, when the Jews that crucified the Lord Jesus wanted to know how to get out of the mess that they were in, they asked the apostles what to do. God’s main man, Peter, stood up and preached to them hope. He basically said that all was not lost, but you must get those sins under the blood. This is how he worded those instructions.

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

It is so important to know that we CAN get out of our mess, and then know HOW to get out of our mess. Remember, the answer is in the book.

*Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

So many people have a tough time believing that God really will forgive them for the things of their past. But they are forgetting the only reason that Jesus came into this earth is to redeem us from our sins. It is His pleasure to cut you loose from that bondage, but He requires that we ask Him. Just ask and believe!!!

*Joh 8:3-11 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*

*4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*

*5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

*6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*

*7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

*8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.*

*9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

*10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*

*11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

What would have happened if Jesus had not forgiven the woman? This story is recorded in the Bible for many reasons. But one reason we need to understand is that He knows we are weak in the flesh, but He desires to forgive us. If He hadn’t forgiven the woman, then He would have sealed the fate of all that sin. But He gave us hope. If that woman can get clean, so can I. He doesn’t want to condemn us.

What about the prodigal son? Why would the father let him back into his good graces? Because that is what fathers do!!! Our Father is on our side! He had to forgive the prodigal son, or He would have proclaimed nothing but judgment on all who have sinned.

*Luk 15:11And he said, A certain man had two sons:*

*12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.*

*13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.*

*14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.*

*15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

*16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.*

*17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

*18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,*

*19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

*20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.*

*22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:*

*23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:*

*24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.*

*25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.*

*26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.*

*27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.*

*28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.*

*29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:*

*30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots; thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.*

*31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. 32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.*

God loves mankind. He made a way for us to ask forgiveness and get our sins covered. We must not be hard-headed, nor hard -hearted.

* Activity

You can go to the hardware or glass shop and purchase small pieces of mirror.

Hand one out to each student and let each one of them look for a while in that mirror. Soon, they will start to look past all the skin blemishes and big ears. Encourage them to investigate their own heart. Encourage them to open the doors in their heart that they have had bolted shut. When they find things in there that they feel they need to talk to God about, encourage them to not put it off. Now is the time to make things right with God.

The Apostle Paul called himself the “chiefest of sinners” and God forgave him, so He will forgive us, because it is written in the Book!