

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

Texts: Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1-4

8 May 2016

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

1. Praying for forgiveness
 2. This is not to be taken for granted

WHEN WE DO NOT CONFESS OUR SINS

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| 1. When we do not confess our sins | Psalm 32:3 |
| 2. God's hand is heavy on us | Psalm 32:4 |
| a) We groan | |
| b) We grow old and weak | Psalm 32:4 |
| 3. When we deny sin | |
| a) The truth is not in us | |
| b) We make God a liar | 1 John 1:8, 10 |

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

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| 1. The Penitential Psalms | Psalms 32, 51 |
| 2. Features of true repentance | |
| a) Full confession | Psalm 51:1-2 |
| i) Transgression | |
| ii) Iniquity | |
| iii) Sin | |
| b) Acknowledgment of sin | Psalm 51:3 |
| i) Consciousness of sin | |
| ii) Sinning against God | Psalm 51:4 |
| iii) Depth of sin | Psalm 51:5-6 |

- c) Total cleansing and Restoration Psalm 51:7-12
- i) Purge me
- ii) Wash me
- iii) Whiter than snow Psalm 51:7
- iv) Hide Your face from my sins Psalm 51:9
- v) Blot out my iniquities Psalm 51:9
- vi) Create in me a clean heart Psalm 51:10
- vii) Renew a steadfast spirit within me Psalm 51:10
- viii) Do not cast me away from Your presence Psalm 51:11
- ix) Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me Psalm 51:11
- x) Restore to me the joy of Your salvation Psalm 51:12
- xi) Uphold me by Your generous Spirit Psalm 51:12

AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

1. This is vital too
2. Seeking forgiveness must go hand in hand with forgiving others Colossians 3:13