

THE BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS

*572, 120 words in our vocabulary
10 make up 25% of all spoken &
written English
50 make up half*

Intro: Words to express great joy, etc.

FANTASTIC, WOW, NEAT, GREAT...The Bible has
a word -- **BLESSED!!** in describing what
it means, how it feels to be forgiven..
READS LIKE A NEWSPAPER HEADLINE: **"O the
BLESSEDNESS! TRANSGRESSION FORGIVEN!
SIN COVERED!**

Most Psy. agree the primary problem is GUILT.
Get rid of guilt and cure. Wrong RX. Get
rid of standard -- NO! GET RID OF SIN!

I. THE BITTERNESS OF UNFORGIVENESS

1. The Sins That Cause It.

- (1) Transgression -- rebellion, out
of bounds, departure, going away,
separation. "I won't do it."
- (2) Sin -- Missing the mark, Failure.
Sin always misses what it aims at.
Ill- Of David and Bathsheba.
- (3) Iniquity -- distorted, twisted,
crooked...inner nature

2. The Sorrow that Characterizes it.

- (1) Wxed old, wasted
away, grow old before time...
This sorrow plumbs to the depths
of a man's being.
- (2) No Rest -- Day and night, the hand
pressing down, a weight...weariness.
- (3) No refreshment -- the sap of life
dried up, no renewal...being in
want...a state of want.

3. The Silence that Continues It.

The Benefits of Forgiveness

Forgiveness gives God to bless man

These are also measures taken to prevent falling into sin again.

- Time of penitence = Find the Lord as our
Garrison

- He that is washed needs his feet cleansed

I - Find as my Garrison = hiding place -
" Preserved in Trouble " Not exempt but not
overwhelmed.