Blest Is the Man Whose Trespass Is Forgiven

Psalm 32

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harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

1. Blest is the man whose trespass is forgiven,
   Whose sins are covered in the sight of heaven.

2. When I kept silent, sinful ways condoning,
   I pined away through my incessant groaning.

3. Let all the godly when they grieve and suffer
   To Thee, O Lord, their supplications of

4. I will instruct you, with my aid provide you,
   And in the way that you should go will guide you.

5. With many woes the wicked are afflicted,
   But he who trusts in God is well protected;

Blest is the man against whom, Lord, Thou wilt
Thy hand weighed down on me in my deceit;
Surely when floods of mighty waters rise,
My counsel will be ever at your side,
Him will the Lord with steadfast love surround.

Not count all his iniquity and guilt.
My strength was sapped as by the summer's heat.
They shall not reach him who on Thee relies.
And, keeping watch, I will with you abide.
Those who revere Him are with mercy crowned.
How happy he, contrite of heart and lowly,
To Thee, O God of justice and compassion,
Thou art a hiding place for those who serve Thee;
Be not a fool, who has no understanding;
Be glad, O righteous, in the Lord rejoicing;

Who has confessed his sins, O Lord most holy;
I then at last acknowledged my transgression.
Thou, mighty God, from trouble dost preserve me.
Do not behave like horse or mule, depending
Exult in Him, your jubilation voicing;

Who does not secretly Thy laws transgress,
I said, “I will confess my sins to Thee.”
Songs of deliverance everywhere resound:
On bit and bridle to control their course;
For light and life He will to you impart;

Whose spirit harbors no deceitfulness.
And all my guilt Thou hast forgiven me.
Thou me with great rejoicing dost surround.
They disobey unlesss restrained by force.
Now shout for joy, you men of upright heart.