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Proverbs 28:13, **“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”**

As a child, many of us may have sought out others to blame for our wrong doings in order to hide (cover up) our mischievous acts (sins). Solomon said that it would not benefit us to hide our evil doings or those things we may classify as just mistakes. Such things are embarrassing to children of God who have to battle the two natures which are within us, that of the natural (fleshly) nature and that of the spiritual nature. The opposite of “covereth” is “uncovereth”, or to not hide and be open about our mistakes and sins. Then, once we have changed our thinking, we need to confess our faults (sins) to God. But, the Lord did not stop there. Solomon’s teaching goes further as led by the Spirit of God to speak of our need to forsake our past ways and the Lord **“shall have mercy”** on us. Paul admonishes the brethren by saying **“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”** (Acts 3:19). Conversion is not being born again. Conversion is a changing **“forsaking”** of our ways. Therefore, we need to repent (confess and forsake) as oft as need be and a **“refreshing”** time will come with us being able to once again feel **“the presence of the Lord”** strongly in our lives. This is indeed what we all need to seek diligently for; and that is the pleasing of the Lord. Why not go to the Lord today and confess your sins, knowing that **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”** (I John 1:9). Think About It!