

Psalm 32-God Speaks about Forgiveness

Introduction-Sin

- A. Do we consider some types of sins worst than other types? State your reasons.

Romans 3:23
²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- B. From your background, how did God provide a solution to sin for the Israelites?

BB. How was that solution extended to the world?

I. *Psalm 32:1-2 Forgiveness Brings Blessings*

Blessed is the one whose *transgressions* are forgiven, whose *sins* are covered.

² Blessed is the one whose *sin* the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no *deceit*.

1. What kind of poetic structure is used in verses 1-2?
2. What is the source of his happiness?
3. What does the phrase "in whose spirit is no deceit."?
4. What words does David use for "sin"? Why does he use those words?
5. What words describes how God dealt with David's sins?

II. *Psalm 32:3-4 The Consequences of Sin*

6. What was David's sin?

2 Samuel 11-12- (Summarize)

7. Why does it take so long for David to confront his sin?

Psalm 32:3-4

When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.^l

8. List the physical and emotional pain David experienced due to his silence.

9. Is it possible that mental and emotional illness might be directly related to guilt and unconfessed sin? What psychological problems can be brought on by guilt in one's life?

III. Psalm 32:5 Confession brings Forgiveness

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

10. What words show that David was ready to "uncover" his sins?

11. What familiar words do you hear in verse 5?

12. Read John 6:37 What do you notice?

³⁷All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

13. 1 John 1:8-9 What happens if one confesses their sin, but does not feel forgiven?

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

IV. Psalm 32:6-9 Exhortation

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in
the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

14. What does David tell the worshippers to do?

15. Notice the verbs in verse 7. What do they indicate about God?

16. In verses 8-9 the psalmist may be speaking, passing on the instructions of God, or it could be God Himself speaking. What things are promised?

17. How was David like a mule or horse?

V. Psalm 32:10-11 Rejoice

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

18. Contrast the state of the wicked with the state of the righteous.

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