

Psalm 32

1 A Psalm of David, Maschil. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. 7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. 8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. 10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Introduction notes:

1. "A Psalm of David" – The inspired heading (which is part of v.1), tells us that David composed this song.
2. "Maschil" – This is the first of thirteen Maschil Psalms. (Ps. 42; 44; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 78; 88; 89; 142). Maschil means "understanding" or "teaching" – it is a skillful psalm loaded with public instruction.
3. This is a sequel to Ps. 51 – David's confession. King David learned to rejoice in God's forgiveness.

Outline:

- A. The Blessing of Forgiveness (vv.1-2)
- B. The Personal Experiences (vv.3-5)
- C. The Godly Wisdom (vv.6-8)
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- A.' The Rejoicing in Forgiveness (v.11)

Observations:

1. David's sin against Uriah and Bathsheba was an occasion for his enemies to blaspheme God (2 Sam. 11). Ps. 51 is David's confession and guilt. Ps. 32 is the aftermath of confession.
2. The greatest need of mankind is the forgiveness of his sins. Jesus is our Savior from sin. His blood atones for sin. God forgives us on the basis of the blood of Christ - not because of our own selves or good works.
3. Imputeth – to put in place of.
4. Three terms: "Transgression" (rebellion) "sin" (missing the mark) and "iniquity" (perversion). God forgives all kinds of sin.
5. "When I kept silence" – he hid his sins for nine months and nothing good transpired during that time. God deals with His children through their health (cf. 1 Cor. 11:30). In down times of sickness – what is God trying to deal with me about?
6. God is interested in leading and guiding His people (Ps. 33:18). The question is, are we willing to be lead by God and are we willing to obey Him?
7. Confession of sin gives ease to the conscience.
8. The believer must learn to keep short sin accounts with God. Praise God for His forgiveness.
9. A clean fellowship with God results in gladness and rejoicing and a shouting for joy. The key is having a upright heart towards the Lord.

Lesson: Blessed is He whose transgression is forgiven.