

## Sermon Outline July 10, 2016

### "Confession of Sin" Psalm 32

*If I read the Psalms right, Psalm 1 and Psalm 119:1 connect happiness / blessedness at least partly to the avoidance of sin. Psalm 32 connects happiness to the forgiveness of sin or you might say the getting rid of sin, which is the goal of repentance, a turning from sin to God! A very important part of turning from sin is acknowledging and confessing sin -*

#### *I. A right confession of sin flows from a right understanding of sin as a destroyer of blessedness -*

NKJ **Psalm 32:1** <A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.> **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.** <sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2 NKJ)**

David's sin is described with four different words in these first two verses -

1. Transgression - peshah {peh'-shah} **Meaning:** 1) transgression, rebellion 1a1) transgression / breaking God's law
2. Sin - chata'ah {khat-aw-aw'} **Meaning:** 1) sin, missing the mark, not attaining to God's glory
3. Iniquity - `avon {aw-vone'} or עוֹן

**Meaning:** 1) perversity, depravity, --- this is the personal aspect of sin, how it impacts the sinner, sin distorts the image of God in us – **< Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:5 NKJ)**

4. Deceit - remiyah {rem-ee-yaw'} **Meaning:** 1) laxness, slackness, slackening, deceit, treachery

<sup>20</sup> **Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, (Proverbs 12:20 NKJ)**

"Sin is the living worm, the lasting fire; Hell seen would lose its heat, could sin expire. Better sinless is hell, than to be where Heaven is, and to be found a sinner there. One sinless with infernals might do well, But sin would make of heaven a very hell. Look to thyself then, keep it out of door, Lest it get in and never leave thee more. "Fools make a mock at sin, will not believe It carries such a dagger in its sleeve; How can it be, say they, that such a thing, So full of sweetness, err should wear a sting? They know not that it is the very spell Of sin, to make them laugh themselves to hell. Look to thyself, then, deal with sin no more, Lest He who saves, against thee shuts the door. " –JOHN BUNYAN

I once read of a pastor who was challenged by a mother about using the word "sin" to describe actions, even bad actions in front of her children. She thought a gentler word should be used! He said "wait a minute" and went back to a closet. Got a bottle and set it in front of the lady and asked her to read the label. It said "rat poison." He asked if she thought he should change the label to something nicer?

#### *II. If we have a right understanding of sin we will not dilly-dally with it -*

<sup>3</sup> **When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.**

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah (Psalm 32:3-4 NKJ)**

Definition of dilly-dally: to waste time

Synonyms: dawdle, delay, hem and haw, hesitate, linger, loiter, meander, mosey, move slowly, procrastinate, vacillate

*What did David's dilly-dallying with sin do?*

- His bones grew old
- He groaned all day long
- God's hand was heavy upon him
- His vitality (his life) was turned to the draught of summer
- Plus, this was all GRACE toward David

*Consider:*

1. *Lot's wife had no time to think about and repent of her last sin*

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**But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:26 NKJ)**

**"Remember Lot's wife. (Luke 17:32 NKJ)**

2. *Achan confessed his sin but was still judged –*

**And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: (Joshua 7:20 NKJ)**

3. *I believe not dilly-dallying with sin is what David is speaking about in verse :6*

**For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. (Psalm 32:6 NKJ)**

4. *We need to pray to God, confess our sins, repent BEFORE it is too late – Proverbs 1:19-33; Ecclesiastes 12:1-7*

**III. *How simple is the forgiveness of God if we just acknowledge our sin before Him –***

**I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah (Psalm 32:5 NKJ)**

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJ)**

1. *Acknowledging / confessing sin glorifies God, as it declares Him right in His judgment -*

*"The thief on the cross had dishonored God in his life, but at his death he brought glory to God by confession of sin." Thomas Watson*

**"And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." (Luke 23:41 NKJ)**

2. Confessing sin, when we also ask for God's forgiveness, glorifies God, as opportunity is presented for God to show His great mercy –

**The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. <sup>9</sup> He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever. <sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father pities *his* children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. <sup>14</sup> For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust. (Psalm 103:8-14 NKJ)**

**IV. *IV. David's Advice from his experience –***

1. *Count God, by faith, according to the truths taught in verse :7 -*

**You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah (Psalm 32:7 NKJ)**

A. *A hiding place*

B. *A protector*

C. *A comforter*

2. *Go to God for instruction and do not be like a stubborn animal - :8-9*

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. <sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, *Which* must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. (Psalm 32:8-9 NKJ)**

**And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These *are* the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up *their* horn against the land of Judah to scatter it." (Zechariah 1:21 NKJ)**

3. *Be thankful by God's grace you escape what your sin deserves, not everyone does! - :10-11*

**Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; but he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart! (Psalm 32:10-11 NKJ)**

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