

## **PSALM 32 – The Joy of Forgiveness!**

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### **I AM THINE OH LORD – Fanny Crosby; Merritt Island**

1. *I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.*

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. *Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain – 2X)*

**PSALM 32** – A priceless glimpse into David’s life from the time of his sin with Bathsheeba, until the time that Nathan came to him. There is that season of several months where David did these terrible things, these terrible sins against God and against other people. It really violated his witness before the Lord in a lot of different things. To look at him outwardly, there’s no revelation of what is happening inside of him. The next day he got up and he was still the King of Israel. You could look at David’s life and say, man, he just got away with murder. He just got away with adultery. What nobody knew except David and God and now us, because the Holy Spirit was behind Psalm 32, we realize that God wasn’t letting David get away with anything in his life! God had brought such deep, powerful conviction on his life for his sin until the day that he confessed that sin and he repented of that sin. This beautiful insight into all of that and the heart of David in all of that and how miserable God those nine months until he did the right thing concerning it.

### **PSALM 32 – The Song of Forgiveness – A Contemplation (Maschil). A Psalm of David.**

#### **Vs. 1-2 Benediction of the Pardoned; Blessed Are the Forgiven**

**Psa 32:1 A Psalm of David. A Contemplation. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.**

- Described in verse one is the blessedness of the man whose sin or transgression is forgiven! Wow, how we can relate to that, any of us who have ever had to ask God for forgiveness! How blessed it is to be forgiven right now! When is the last time I asked God forgiveness? How blessed it is to be forgiven, right now!
- Praise the LORD that right now, here in this room, anyplace in the world, there is solution to guilt and that is to put our faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sin. Where would we be if we could not have forgiveness from God?
- We all need forgiveness, whether it’s for a sin like David’s adultery or if it is just a small thing. With a tender conscience, we all need forgiveness, otherwise our sin would destroy us!
- The forgiveness that comes from putting our faith in Christ. Then to be confident in the forgiveness that God gives to each one of us, when we will confess our sin to Him, ask for forgiveness and know that as we do that, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- A person is truly rich if their sins are forgiven! Just think, if David was so powerfully thankful for his sin being covered – (*kophar*, just covered, not washed away!) in the Old Testament way, how much more would he be thankful and joyful to have his sins not only covered, but washed away because of the blood of the Lamb! The LORD remembers it no more – it’s not just covered but washed away! Wow!

**Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

- That is a blessed man or a blessed woman!
- Three different words for sin – **transgression**, **sin** and **iniquity** are given here, and they are given on purpose.
- Transgression is different from sin in the Old Testament in that transgression speaks of knowing better and doing it anyway! And David new better, but he did it anyway.
- Sin speaks of much the same way in the New Testament. It means to miss the mark. A situation where we are trying to do the best that we can. But it’s not a deliberate rebellion against God.
- Iniquity just means to be crooked! Not handling a situation in a straight and narrow, but a crooked way.
- All three of these words are used to communicate that God forgives all those.
- First, we need to confess our sin. Confess means to see it the way God see it! I see this sin the way that You see it because Your Spirit has not given up on me and You’re helping me to that! You’re at work in my life!
- Your heart is broken over it. You want to be restored into intimacy with God. It’s all there. God is willing to forgive the transgression as much as the sin and as much as the iniquity. So, let’s deal with it!

#### **Vs. 3-5 David’s Personal Confession**

**Psa 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.**

- During those months when he was living in the guilt, keeping silent, my bones grew old. The physical impact it had on him. It aged him! That’s what unconfessed sin can do.
- The emotional toll all day long.

**Psa 32:4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah**

- God was just keeping that conviction so strongly on him. “that discipline whom the LORD loves He chastens”. God was just keeping him under His thumb.

- My vitality was just dried up. My spiritual life with God just evaporated, just turning into the driest thing imaginable. That was hard for David!
- When Nathan confronted David on his sin, David must have wished he could have died a thousand deaths than to hear that spoken of his own life and the reputation of God as well.

***Psa 32:5 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***

- Now he moves into the solution. No hiding anymore. I confess my sin to You. I haven't hidden it. No more hiding my sin. NO more excuses. ***"I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"***
- ***And You forgave the iniquity of my sin!*** That was God's response. That is His response today! And we say, "praise the LORD", for that!

**Vs. 6-7 Application of the Case to Others:**

***Psa 32:6 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.***

- The result of his confession of his sin to God and how his relationship with God was restored and the vital dynamics of it.
- There was a **return of confidence in prayer in the LORD**. Have you ever tried to pray to God when you're living, for five minutes or five weeks, living in deliberate, willful rebellion against God? How to those prayers go for you? ***They shall not come near him*** - Surely in great troubles, that confidence in God in crisis has been returned. God, You will take care of me. You are my hiding place! You shall preserve me from trouble!

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

- All of this beauty of the confidence that a child of God has in a relationship with God is returned to him with that confession of sin and repentance. And ***You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.***

**Vs. 8-9 The Voice of God is Heard by the Forgiven One:**

***Psa 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.***

- God is promising to instruct and to guide David, once again, in the way you should go. That's got to be good. How valuable to us is it when we have flubbed big time and God says, "I still have plan for your life. I'm still going to lead you and I'm still going to guide you. I'm not through with you".
- ***I will guide you with My eye*** – note the closeness required to guide with an eye! God wants us to be that close to Him!

***Psa 32:9 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.***

- David, stay close to Me now, so I don't have to bridle you, in order to lead you in My will. I want to guide you with My eye- communication is happening just through the eye – knowing one another well and staying close!

**Vs. 10-11 Conclusion – A Portion for Each of Two Great Classes of Men:**

***Psa 32:10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.***

- Do you believe that? Never believe that wickedness brings anything but sorrow! Living in righteousness will never cause you to miss out on anything that is good. Notice that he who trusts in the LORD, he shall be surrounded by mercy!

***Psa 32:11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!***

- Great praise and thanksgiving are being given to the LORD and the lessons that he had learned by God's forgiveness and the blessing of it!

**SUMMARY:**

- **God is forgiving God and He is magnified in the fact that He is that!**
- **We have a Christian heritage in this country. There lot of advantages to that, but a disadvantage is that we grow accustomed to the fact that God is a forgiving God. We should never lose the awe in regarding His forgiving us of our sin. As Christians we can begin to take the fact that God is a forgiving God, for granted! We are recipients of that, and it should, must produce great praise and worship in our hearts toward Him**

**"HOW GREAT THOU ART " – Stuart Hine - Shea (3:00)**

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation To take me home What joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God how great Thou art. (Refrain)*

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