

Psalm 32

Introduction.

- A. David's sin (2 Sam. 11-12).
- B. David's confession (Ps. 51).
- C. David's thanksgiving for forgiveness.
- D. "LORD" used exclusively.

I. Blessing (1-2).

- A. Plural of emphasis.
- B. In the context: bestowal of God's favor; happiness; joy.
- C. Reasons for blessing.
 - 1. Transgressions forgiven.
 - a. Rebellion (cf. 1 Ki. 12:19, Is. 1:2; 1 Sam. 15:23).
 - b. Lifted and taken away.
 - 2. Sins covered.
 - a. Sin = missing the mark (cf. Jud. 20:16).
 - b. Become invisible (cf. Prov. 10:12; 1 Pe. 4:8).
 - c. A covering of expiation.
 - 3. Sins not counted against him.
 - a. To think about, regard (Is. 53:4).
 - b. Wickedness (Ez. 3:18).
 - 4. See Ex. 6-7 for all three.
- D. No deceit which hides unconfessed sin.

II. Cleansing (3-5).

- A. Effects of unconfessed sin (guilt) (3-4).
 - 1. Physical.
 - 2. Psychological.
 - 3. The heavy hand of the LORD.
- B. Effects of confession (5).
 - 1. Forgiveness of sin.
 - 2. Cancellation of guilt.
 - 3. Prodigal son (Lk. 15:11-32).

III. Restoration (6-11).

A. God's care for his own (6-7).

1. Listens.
2. Protects.
3. Delivers.

B. God's own must come willingly to him (8-10).

1. David has learned and now teaches the lesson.
2. Not being forced to obey.
3. The woes of the wicked.
4. The LORD's love surrounds us.

C. The rejoicing of the restored sinner (11).