

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 June.....Psalm 001.....The Path
- 2) 11 June.....Psalm 078.....The Past
- 3) 18 June.....Psalm 023.....The Shepherd
- 4) 25 June.....Psalm 138.....Our Response
- 5) 02 July.....Psalm 084.....His Presence
- 6) 09 July.....Psalm 095.....The Creator
- 7) 16 July.....Psalm 019.....God Revealed
- 8) 23 July.....Psalm 136.....His Love
- 9) 30 July.....Psalm 146.....His Faithfulness
- 10) 06 Aug.....Psalm 051.....The Confession
- 11) 13 Aug.....**Psalm 032.....The Cleansing**
- 12) 20 Aug.....Psalm 141.....The Protector
- 13) 27 Aug.....Psalm 042.....The Longing

INTRODUCTION

- God is gracious to forgive the most horrendous sins, but there are frequently temporal consequences. Yet, we can still rejoice, find hope, and reason to shout for joy!
- Psalm 32 chronologically follows Psalm 51 (last week's lesson). After confessing his sins of adultery, murder, deception, King David shares what he had learned to keep others from sinning
- David paid a high price for his sin, but the cost would have been higher if he had not repented
- Psalm 32 presents 2 powerful lessons: 1) Stay faithful; and 2) Help others stay faithful

Passage	Comments
32:5-6	<p>5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.</p> <p>6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is why David is called "a man after God's own heart" Act 13:22 • Since everyone sins, God looks for those who sincerely and honestly confess, repent, return to Him with a humbled spirit. Do We?
32:7	<p>7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does God preserve us from trouble? • What does it mean to be surrounded with songs of deliverance? • Would you be shouting and singing for joy if you or a loved one somehow survived a near-death experience from a tornado, car accident, or a sniper's bullet?
32:8	<p>8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King David is speaking these words. After confessing, repenting, and being restored, he is once again able to teach others about how to avoid sin. Otherwise, he would be a hypocrite. Ps 51:12-13
32:9	<p>9 Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit & bridle to control them, otherwise they will not come near to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even God can't lead stubborn cows. We must be willing sheep. • What does a cattleman call a stubborn cow?Dinner
32:10	<p>10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Lord's lovingkindness look like? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it cash? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it good feelings? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it protection from harm or evil? <input type="checkbox"/> ???
32:11	<p>11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians living righteously for the Lord are the only ones who have good reason to rejoice, for they will reap much in Heaven

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Who makes better Bible teachers – Those who have a horrid sinful past or those who avoided such sins? Remember – Jesus didn't sin once, yet He taught and ministered effectively to sinners of all types: alcoholics, adulterers, prostitutes, thieves, murderers.
- And God is also able to use the "chiefest of all sinners," Paul

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 141. Believers should seek refuge in God because He is the only one who can give them bodily, mental, and spiritual strength to stand against Satan and resist temptation.

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Psalm 32:1-2	<p>1 A Psalm of David. A Maskil. How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!</p> <p>2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David did not list his sins, but he stressed their severity by using 4 different words for sin: Transgression; Sin; Iniquity; & Deceit • In essence, these words convey David not only missed the mark, but he knew better, he was intentionally rebellious; and being King, he even deceived himself that he was not in the wrong • What does it often take to get someone in deep sin to see the error of their way? How do you soften one's heart to repent? Can we even do the job of the Holy Spirit to convict someone? Challenge, Yes; Rebuke, Yes; Judge, Yes. Discipline, Yes, Convict? No! That's God's job. We do not have access to someone's heart. • Consider this. "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death (i.e., Blaspheme of the Holy Spirit, or rejection of the Gospel), he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death." IOW, God loves to answer prayers to restore wayward loved ones – So Pray! 1John 5:16
32:3-4	<p>3 When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.</p> <p>4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin takes a heavy toll on the body. Consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Prov 3:7-8 Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones. ♦ Prov 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words...For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ♦ Prov 14:30 A tranquil heart is life to the body, but envy rots the bones. ♦ Prov 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. ♦ Ecc 7:7 For oppression makes a wise man mad ♦ Isaiah 38:16 [Only God can] restore me to health & let me live! • Remedy for such illnesses: Pray & Confess your sins .. James 5:16 Draw near to God (i.e., read and heed His word), then He will draw near to you and Satan has to flee..... James 4:7-8

STUBBORN MULE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The Israelites are stubborn, like a stubborn heifer. How then can the LORD pasture them like lambs in a meadow?
 - HOSEA 4:16 NIV