

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 June.....Psalm 1.....The Path
- 2) 11 June.....Psalm 78.....The Past
- 3) 18 June.....Psalm 23.....The Shepherd
- 4) 25 June.....Psalm 138.....Our Response
- 5) 02 July.....Psalm 84.....His Presence
- 6) 09 July.....Psalm 95.....The Creator
- 7) 16 July.....Psalm 19.....God Revealed
- 8) 23 July.....Psalm 136.....His Love
- 9) 30 July.....Psalm 146.....His Faithfulness
- 10) 06 Aug.....Psalm 51.....The Confession
- 11) 13 Aug.....Psalm 32.....**The Cleansing**
- 12) 20 Aug.....Psalm 141.....The Protector
- 13) 27 Aug.....Psalm 42.....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	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. 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.
32:7	7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.
32:8	8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
32:9	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.
32:10	10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.
32:11	11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

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

Passage	Comments
Psalm 32:1-2	1 A Psalm of David. A Maskil. How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! 2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!
32:3-4	3 When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.

- 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
- Sin takes a heavy toll on the body. **Consider the following:**
 - ♦ 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