



“The Gift of Forgiveness”

Psalm 32

Sermon series: “Summer in the Psalms”

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¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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In Psalm 32...

- David celebrated the gift of being forgiven of sin. (vv1-2)
- David warned about the guilt associated with unconfessed sin. (vv3-4)
- David provided a guide to confessing sin. (v5)
- David highlighted the goodness of our God to whom we confess our sin. (vv6-11)

What is God saying to us from Psalm 32?

1. Let the **relief** of God's forgiveness motivate you to **quickly confess** your sin. (vv1-2)
2. Let the **realization** sink in that when you hide your sin, you only **hurt yourself**. (vv3-4)
3. Let your **understanding** of God's character compel you towards **confession**, not **rebellion**. (vv6-11)

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