

The Way Home – A Tale of Two Kings
Psalm 32 / 2Chron 33:1-20

Preview

- Psa 32 is one of the seven _____ (asking for renewal, not redress) psalms (6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143).¹
- This psalm may be a companion to Psalm 51, referring to David's sin with Bathsheba. At that time David refused for a year to acknowledge his sin. Psalm 51 was his prayer for pardon; Psalm 32 would then follow it, stressing God's forgiveness and the _____ David _____.²
- Paul cited 32:1–2 in Romans 4:7–8. Forgiveness is by God's sovereign mercy, and righteousness comes from faith in Christ rather than by human effort. At the same time, those who genuinely confess _____ in true obedience rather than mule-headed stubbornness.³
- The symmetrical pattern of the Psalm is also referred to as a _____. (A chiasm, otherwise known as chiasmus, is a literary device that presents a series of ideas, and then repeats them in opposite order. Chiastic structure is often expressed in letters. An example of this structure is idea A and idea B, followed by idea B' and idea A'. B' and A' are the same ideas as B and A, but in reverse order creating ABB'A'. The goal of chiastic structure is to create emphasis, repetition, or clarification).⁴

Psa. 32

A. _____ in Forgiveness – v. 1-2

B. _____ upon Conviction – v. 3-4 – the psychological affects the physical

C. _____ your sin – v. 5-6

D. _____ in your salvation – v. 7

C'. _____ God's teaching – v. 8

B'. _____ in submission – v. 9-10

A'. _____ in forgiveness – v. 11

¹ Willem A. VanGemenen, "[Psalms](#)," in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Psalms (Revised Edition)*, ed. Tremper Longman III and David E. Garland, vol. 5 (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008), 310.

² Allen P. Ross, "[Psalms](#)," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 818.

³ Duane A. Garrett, "[The Poetic and Wisdom Books](#)," in *Holman Concise Bible Commentary*, ed. David S. Dockery (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998), 223.

⁴ Mark D. Futato, [Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook](#), ed. David M. Howard Jr., *Handbooks for Old Testament Exegesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic & Professional, 2007).