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Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Six • Psalm 32

The Joy of Forgiveness

Main Point of Psalm 32

Sin can be <u>FORGIVEN!</u> Therefore, God's forgiveness should compel us to confess our sins rather than conceal our sins.

The Joy of Forgiveness

1. Receiving God's Forgiveness Is a BLESSING!

Blessing of God's Forgiveness

- God will <u>CARRY</u> our sin away (v. 1).
- God will COVER the record of our sin (v. 1).
- God will not COUNT our sin against us (v. 2).

2. Seeking God's Forgiveness Is a CHOICE!

Two Choices

We can <u>CONCEAL</u> our sin and remain guilt-ridden, or we can <u>CONFESS</u> our sin and receive the blessing of God's forgiveness.

Horrible Choice to Conceal Sin

- David kept <u>SILENT</u> about his sin (v. 4).
- David SUFFERED from guilt over his sin (v. 4).

Wonderful Choice to Confess Sin

Step 1: ACKNOWLEDGE your sin to God (v. 5).

Step 2: ASK God to forgive you of your sin (v. 5).

Step 3: ACCEPT God's forgiveness for your sin (v. 5).

David's Counsel About Sin

Don't be like a stubborn <u>MULE</u> but humble yourself and turn to God now for His forgiveness of sin.

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. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. 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. Psalm 32:6-9

Takeaway: The Choice Is Yours

You can be surrounded by the <u>SORROWS</u> of unconfessed sin or, you can be surrounded by the <u>JOY</u> of God's forgiveness.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:10-11