

# THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32

A Davidic Psalm

# A PROCLAMATION

## The Blessing of Mercy (v. 1-2)

- **A Picture of the Blessed Person (v. 1):**
  - Transgression/rebellion/disobedience (sin) is forgiven
  - Sin is covered (put out of sight) / pardoned (guilt is removed); the burden is lifted!

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## The Blessing of Mercy (v. 1-2)

- **The Character of the Blessed Person (v. 2):**
  - A person in whose spirit is no deceit
  - A person in an absolutely truthful relationship with God
- **In the NT, Paul celebrated this truth by saying (Ro. 4:6–8):**
  - “just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works.”

# A PERSONAL LESSON

## The Blessing of Confession and Forgiveness of Sin (v. 3-5)

- Refusal to confess sin led to inward turmoil and agony; a loss of strength (v. 3-4)
- Guilt is only removed when you sincerely stop hiding your failings and sin and confess it to God (v. 5)
- In the NT, confessing also leads to forgiveness; see 1 John 1:8-9

# A PETITION

## The Blessing of Prayer and Protection (v. 6-7)

- An urgent call to personal action (v.6)
- Confidence in the protective care of God (v.7)
- See also, Is. 55:6-8, He will abundantly pardon! Rejoice!
- In the NT, see Acts 17:27, 2 Cor. 6:2; God is near each of us. Now is the day of salvation. The Day of Judgment is coming, and on that day it will be too late to repent and find forgiveness. No sin is too big for God to forgive; no request too difficult.

# A PROMISE

## The Blessing of Trusting the LORD (v. 8-10)

- The promise of godly wisdom unto salvation (v. 8)
- God would gladly deal with you as a free person (v. 9)
- The worst sinner forgiven by God is a happy man (v.10)
- In the NT: “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ Jesus died for us.” (Ro. 5:8)

# A PRAISE

## The Blessing of Restoration (v.11)

- The righteous have the joy of restoration because they have trusted God by grace through faith. They have confessed their sins openly and completely to him (and He forgave them, v. 5).
- We do not earn righteousness by our own merit or works, but it is granted to us by God in response to human trust (faith) and surrender.
- In the NT, see Ro. 5:6–11; Eph. 2:4–8, Ro. 6:23, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:12

# FOUR APPLICATIONS TODAY

- Confess your sins and experience the joy of having your sins covered (forgiven) and God will never uncover them again. (1-2)
- Do not cover your sins or you will suffer for it; God will uncover all them in the judgment day. (3-7) (Also, Ro. 14:10–12)
- We should teach others to walk in God's ways (evangelism/discipleship) (8-10)
- Rejoice! Rejoice! I say it again Rejoice! Proclaim to all who will listen the mercy and forgiveness of God (11) (Also, Pr. 28:13)