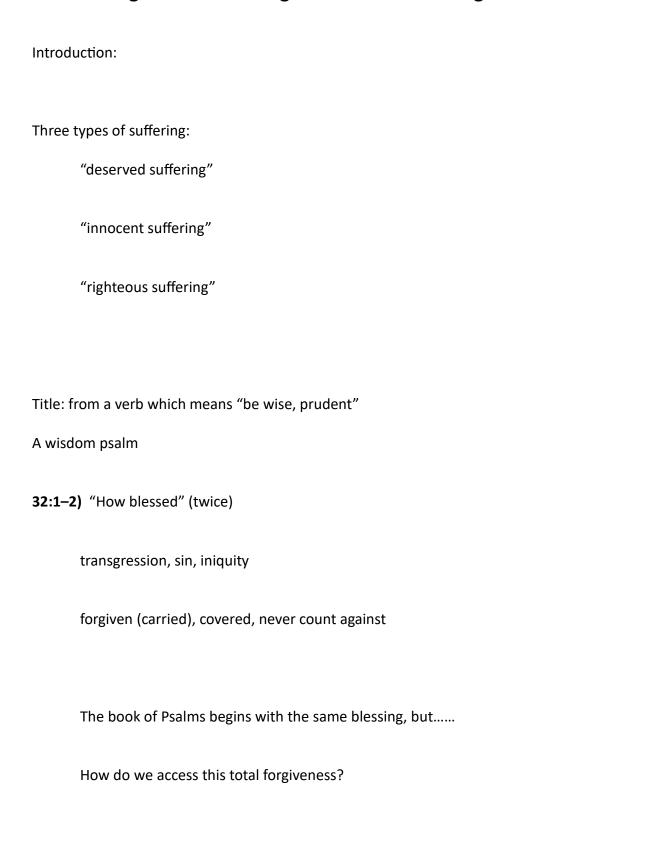
Sustaining Our Faith through Confession and Forgiveness: Psalm 32



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32:3-4)
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Since we are a unity of body and spirit, if our spirit is troubled, it may affect our bodies. (1 Corinthians 11:29–30; James 5:14–16)

What prevents us from experiencing relief from the burden of our sin? Stubborn pride!

32:5) acknowledged, did not hide, confess

sin, iniquity, transgressions

(Proverbs 28:13)

32:6-7)

There are certain times when God is working on your heart and you need to respond.

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

hiding place, preserve me, surround me

He shares his life lesson to help others.

32:8) instruct, teach, counsel

"you" singular (Probably this is God speaking to David because verse 9 is plural.)

32:9) David is mocking the stubborn pride that keeps people from humbly acknowledging sin.

Don't put yourself in the situation where God uses force to humble you.

32:10 Opposing parallelism

glad, rejoice, shout for joy

Conclusion:

God: the junk artist

The Biblical Poet's Toolbox

-Parallelism: Two lines, usually about the same length, where the first line says something and the second line says something that is related. (Sometimes three lines are parallel.)

Example of **Affirming parallelism** (the second line say something similar):

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord
And on his law he meditates day and night." (Ps 1:2)

Example of **Opposing parallelism** (the second line says something opposite):

"Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

But he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness will surround him." (Ps 32:10)

-Merism: Contrasting words are used to express completeness or totality.

Example: "In his hand are the depths of the earth,

And the <u>mountain peaks</u> belong to him. [everything on the vertical axis] The <u>sea</u> is his, for he made it,

And his hands formed the <u>dry land</u>." [everything on the horizonal axis]

(Ps 95:4-5)