

Psalm 32

The Joy of Forgiveness



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VS. 1

Blessed - “esher” to go on in happiness

Psalm 1:1, 119:1-2, 128:1

Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, undefiled, who fears the Lord

- Transgression is forgiven
- Sin is covered

VS. 2

Blessed - Oh the Joy of Joys!

Impute - to ascribe or assign “label”

Iniquity - immoral behavior

No deceit - full open honesty 51:6

What gets in the way of honesty with God?

VS. 3-4

Physical Pain - 51:8

Emotional Pain - 51:8, 14,

Hand of God

Matthew 11:28-30 - “ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

VS. 5

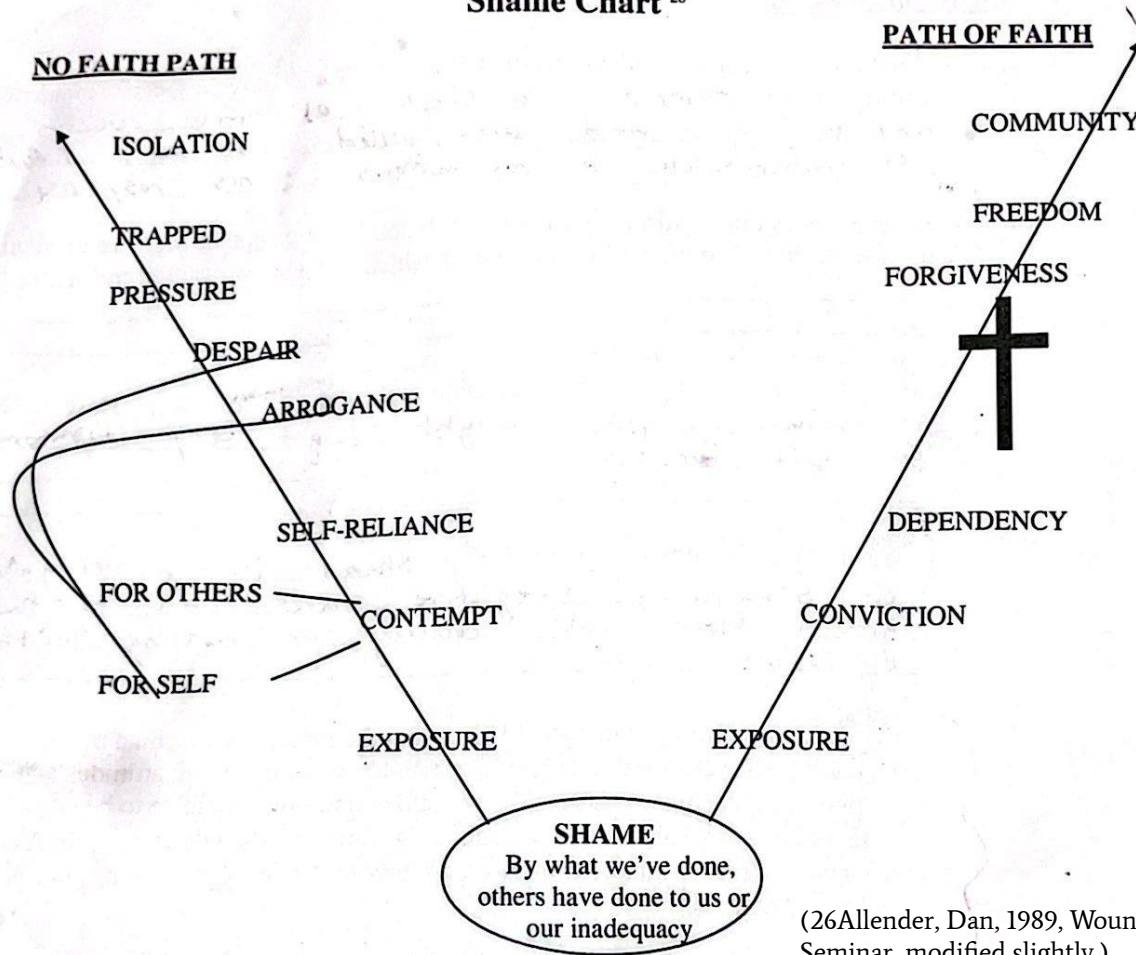
Confession - 51:3,4

Hidden - Gen 3:7-8 Adam and Eve's eyes were opened to sin and they hid themselves

*2 Samuel 12:1-15

David's recognition and response to his sin

Shame Chart ²⁶



(26Allender, Dan, 1989, Wounded Heart Seminar, modified slightly.)

VS. 6

David's instruction and remembrance

Follow in his ways

Who is godly ~ who trusts in God

Hebrews 4:16- "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Isaiah 55:6-7- Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

What thoughts keep you from approaching God?

VS. 7

God as our refuge

Psalm 9:9-10 “The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You.”

Dauids understanding/knowledge of God is great,

Therefore his faith is great

Do you find peace in God’s deliverance based off know who He is?

VS. 8-9

Instruction:

God: patient, heavy hand, forgiveness, security, instruction

Man: sins → Shame –conviction→ open admission →peace →growth

Romans 13:11-14

Walk in the Spirit by having the mind of Christ

VS. 10

Results of forgiveness

To have mercy, one must trust in a God they know.

Proverbs 28:13

“He who covers his sins will not prosper,

But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy”

VS. 11

Rejoice in His deliverance

Belief and trust in his forgiveness brings about JOY!!

Mark 2:15-17 Pharisees question why Jesus is dining with sinners

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 7:36-50 Woman washing Jesus' feet; forgiven much/ loves much

Application

Forgiveness - recognize our sin and actively bring it before the Lord to continue in fellowship with Him.

Repentance - recognize our sin and separation from God, confess and turn from our sin to have fellowship with Him.

Both are involving believers!

1 John 1:5-10

God is Light

“Since ‘God is light’ and totally free from darkness (verse 5), a person who walks in darkness is moving in a moral and spiritual sphere from which God is absent. He is moving in the realm of evil, while God remains in the realm of holiness. Thus, the believer who walks in sin has lost touch with a completely holy God” (Epistles of John, p. 59).

1 John 1:5-10

3 False Claims:

1. Walk in darkness and have fellowship with God
2. Say we have not been sinning
3. Say we have never sinned

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

“By contrast, the person who walks in fellowship with God agrees with the light and confesses. For the believer, the essential essence of fellowship is our willingness to share the light with God and to agree with everything we can see in that light. When that is the case, God is pleased because He finds “truth in” our “inward parts” (Psalm 51:6). We can then enjoy His ongoing forgiveness and cleansing” (Epistles of John, p. 66, emphases added).

Application

To be Blessed “continue on in joy,” one must allow God’s light to reveal sin in our lives. Then confess it to Him, to walk with Him.

God forgives all sins, when we confess the ones that He has revealed to us.

Although sin has consequence, fellowship with Him is worth it.

When we stand before him at the Judgment Seat, we will be judged and rewarded based on our faithfulness.