

“CONFESSION OR CONCEALMENT?”

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 28:13 / Psalm 32:1-7 (read later)

[**Illus**] God says to us in Proverbs that if we cover our sins, He will uncover them; but if we will “uncover” them, He will “cover” them!

[**Illus**] Define sin:

- Transgression of the Law: **I John 3:4**
- Vain Talk: **Proverbs 10:19**
- Despising Others: **Proverbs 14:21**
- Foolish Thoughts: **Proverbs 24:9**
- Unbelief: **Romans 14:23**
- Neglect of Opportunity: **James 4:17**
- All Unrighteousness: **I John 5:17**

[**Illus**] Examples of those who “confessed/Prospered”: David, Jonah, Peter

[**Illus**] Examples of those who “concealed/Did not Prosper”: Lot, Achan, Judas

Let’s now examine **Psalm 32:1-7**

I. The Pleasure We Feel When Sin is Cleansed: **Vv. 1-2**

- A. Sin Defies What God Says: **V. 1a** – “transgression”
- B. Sin Defects What It Touches: **V. 1b** – “sin”
- C. Sin Deceives When It Talks: **V. 2a** – “deceit (guile)”
- D. Sin Destroys When It Acts: **Vv. 3-4** – “bones” & “vitality” (moisture)

That Leads into...

II. The Penalty We Face When Sin is Concealed: **Vv. 3-4**

David had once been:

- A. A Healthy Man: **V. 3** “groaning” (roaring)
- B. A Happy Man: **V.4a** “day and night”
- C. A Hearty Man: **V. 4b** “My vitality”

BUT

III. The Pardon We Find When Sin is Confessed: **V. 5** “Acknowledged”

This is enjoyed when we “confess and forsake” (**Prov. 28:13**)!

We may then enjoy:

- A. The Power of Prayer: **V.6a** “for this cause...godly shall **pray**”
- B. The Power of Position: **V.7a** “You are my **hiding place**...”
- C. The Power of Peace: **V.7b** “You shall **preserve** me...”
- D. The Power of Praise: **V.7c** “Surround me with **songs**...”

Conclusion:

- “*Confession or Concealment*”? Which will it be?
- Remember, sin will “break out” on you!
- Confess it and forsake it and enjoy spiritual “prosperity!”
- **Summary**: Conviction, Confession, Confidence!

Hymn of invitation:

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