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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21_6c PSALMS

Passage: Psalms 32

Penitential Psalms

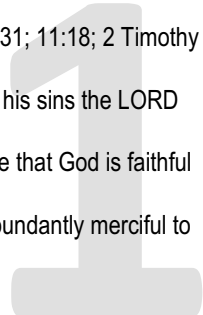
- Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- “penitence” - “feeling or showing sorrow and regret for have done wrong; repentance of sins”.

Blessed Are the Forgiven (Psalm 32:1-2)

- ★ “Blessed” is in the plural - this person is **abundantly** blessed by God.

The Work of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 32:3-5; Galatians 5:16-17)

- (vv. 3-4) As long as David remained unrepentant of his sins of adultery, murder, and lying the Spirit made him **miserable**.
 - ★ There is no peace for the wicked! (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21)
 - ★ There is NO forgiveness for those who continually hide/cover their sins. (Proverbs 28:13)
 - ★ BUT whoever confesses and forsakes their sins will have mercy!
- (v. 4) LEARN from this verse:
 - Day and night . . . God would not let David rest or have any peace!
 - “Your hand” - who could stand if God pressed His “finger” upon us, let alone HIS HAND!
 - ★ **BUT this too is God’s mercy** as He moves His servant to repentance.
 - ★ REPENTANCE is a GRACE from God. (Acts 5:31; 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:25-26)
- (v. 5) BUT when David finally **acknowledged** and confess his sins the LORD forgave him!
 - ★ (1 John 1:8-9) **IF** we confess our sins we can be sure that God is faithful to His promises to forgive us and cleanse us!
 - ★ (Psalm 86:6) God is **READY** to FORGIVE and be abundantly merciful to those who call upon Him.



➤ HOW READY?

→ Manasseh:

- ① **His sins:** 2 Chronicles 33:1-10
- ② **His affliction:** 2 Chronicles 33:11
- ③ **His confession:** 2 Chronicles 33:12-13
- ④ **Fruit of his repentance:** 2 Chronicles 33:14-16
 - See Matthew 3:8; Acts 26:20
 - Godly sorrow produces repentance. (2 Cor 7:10)
 - The goodness of God **ought** to lead to real repentance, otherwise sinner despise God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering. (MEDITATE: Romans 2:1-4)

→ Nineveh: Jonah 3:1-10

- ★ Those who have been **justified** by the blood of Christ are still obligated to confess their sins. (Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Colossians 3:13)
 - Parable of the Unforgiving Servant: Matthew 18:21-35.
- ★ God forgives for His name sake!! MEDITATE! (1 John 2:12; Isaiah 43:25)
- God and His forgiveness/mercy:
 - (Psalm 103:11, 17) Great is his mercy toward **those who fear Him**.
 - (Psalm 86:5) For You, O LORD, are good and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.
- (Galatians 5:16-17) The Spirit and flesh battle each other within a child of God.
 - The Spirit works to *move* a child of God from sin to repentance.
 - ★ One might say that if there is no "misery" while we are living in sin then there might be NO SPIRIT! MEDITATE.

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From Misery to Praise (Psalm 32:6-7)

- MEDITATE: "Surely in a flood of great waters they (flooding great waters) shall not come near him."
 - A godly man knowing of the GREAT MERCY and FORGIVENESS of God has pray on his side when he is faces with all kinds or adversity, tribulations, troubles, difficulties. (See Job 1:20-22; Isaiah 43:1-2)
Meditate on Psalm 119:67, 71
 - Lyrics to *How Firm a Foundation*, George Keith, 1787.
When through the deep waters
I call you to go
The rivers of grief shall not overflow
For I will be with you in trouble to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress



When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flames shall not hurt you I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

- (v. 7) The godly man (one who understands the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God) . . .
 - (v. 7) . . . has God as his hiding place, his refuge, his strong tower, his fortress, his defense, his deliverer, his shield, etc.! (Psalm 119:114; 17:5; 31:20; Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 91:2, 9; 119:114; 144:2; **Jeremiah 36:26; Colossians 3:1-3**)
 - (v. 7) . . . has God to preserve (not deliver out) him in trouble.
 - (v. 7) . . . has a God who surrounds him with songs (expressions of joy) of a sure deliverance.

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Promises of the LORD (vv. 8-9)

- ❶ **"I WILL** instruct you." Literally, "I will make you understand." Man can instruct but only God can give understanding! (Psalm 119:34; 73, 125, 130, 144, 169; Proverbs 4:7; 18:2; 1 John 5:20; 2 Timothy 2:7; Colossians 1:9-11)
- ❷ **"I WILL** teach you in the way you should go." (**Isaiah 48:17-18**)
- ❸ **"I WILL** guide you with My eye." (The humble - Psalm 25:9; 48:14; 73:24; John 16:13; **Proverbs 3:5-6**)
- ★ Do not be like a mule or a horse, with on understanding, which has to be harnessed with bit and bridle.

Shout for Joy - Those Who Understand the Forgiveness of God

(vv. 10-11)

- The wicked (those who do not confess and repent) are promised many sorrows.
- **BUT** the righteous (those who confess, repent, and receive God's mercy) more mercy will surround them!
- (v. 11) The righteous and upright in the heart will . . .
 - ★ BE GLAD in the LORD.
 - ★ REJOICE in the LORD.
 - ★ SHOUT FOR JOY!
 - All three are commands!

