

The Hiding Place

(Psalm 32)

Penitential psalms: Ps.6, 32, 38, 51, 102,
130, 143

Ps.32 = Ps.51, but later

Ps.32:1-2, beatitudes (= 1:1)

2 Sm.23:1

I. Psalm 32

Sin, 1-2, 5

Four pictures: the burden of guilt

1. **Transgression**: 1 (5): rebellion; flouting God's will.
2. **Sin**: 1 (5): turning from right path to disobedience. Miss, misstep, slip.
3. **Iniquity**: 2 (5): evil, perverted, twisted, disrespects God.
4. **Deceit**: mislead, treachery.

Honestly confesses his sin (5)

Salvation, 1-2, 5

Three pictures: the blessings of forgiveness

1. **Forgiven:** 1 (5): lift, bear, take away...
2. **Covered:** out of sight, out of mind. 2 K.5.
 - Ark covering is *mercy seat* (Ro.3:25; Hb.9:5)
 - Includes forgiveness: turning away God's wrath
3. **Not imputed:** He does not take it to account. Ro.4:7-8. Debt cancelled.

Suffering, 3-4

David's autobiography – 2 Sm.11

1. Bones grew old, 3. 6:2. Pr.17:22.
2. Groaned all day, 3.
3. Hand heavy upon Him, 4. 1 Sm.5:11.
Jn.10:29.
4. Vitality – drought, 4. Dry bones...

Solace, 5-7

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Songs of deliverance, Ps.40:3

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5. Speaker, 8. David's sin encouraged sin
6. Selection, 9-11. We must choose...

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II. Principles

1. If your sins are forgiven, thank God
– “Blessed” (1-2). “O how happy”
2. Closer we get to God, better we see sin
3. Guilt is good when it drives us to Christ
4. Only God can hide sins (blot out).
Pr.28:13.
5. Denial of guilt adds sin to sin. 2 K.5.
6. Confession is good for the soul.
7. Salvation demands urgency. Tit.3:14
8. God: the most frightening enemy. Ja.4:4

Conclusion – we must learn to . . .

- Acknowledge what sin is. Jer.17:9
- Ascertain the seriousness of sin.
- Accept responsibility for sin (confess).
- Abandon sin (repent).
- Adore the God of our salvation.