

You Are My Hiding Place

A Study on Forgiveness in Psalm 32



I. David rejoices in the blessing of God's forgiveness, 32:1-2.

- (Psalm 32:1-2 NIV) Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
 - a. David rejoices that his transgressions—his rebellious ways—against God and his authority are forgiven.
 - b. David rejoices that his sins are covered—that God covers his sins when he falls short of God's righteous ways.
 - c. David rejoices that the LORD does not count his iniquity against him—his corrupting and twisting of God's righteous standards.
 - d. David rejoices that he now can live in complete honesty before the LORD.

II. Paul sheds New Testament light on the blessing of forgiveness in which David rejoiced, Romans 4:1-8.

- (Romans 4:1-8 ESV) What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something

to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 **just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:** 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

- a. The blessing of forgiveness is a matter of righteousness and cannot be gained by self-effort, 4:1-2.
- b. The blessing of forgiveness is a matter of righteousness which is credited to the account of the one who believes, 4:3.
- c. If you work for this blessing, then you will receive your due, 4:4.
- d. If you do not work but believe God for the blessing, then righteousness will be put to your account, 4:5.

e. Example and Summary: This blessing is the blessing of David in Psalm 32, 4:6-8.

III. David testifies to the work of the heavy hand of God in bringing him to the place of true forgiveness, 32:3-5.

- (Psalm 32:3-5 NIV) When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
 - a. David kept silent before God regarding his sin and suffered the consequences of the heavy hand of God, 32:3-4.
 - b. David did three things in breaking his silence and confessing his sin, 32:5.
 - i. He acknowledged his sin—that he had fallen short of God’s righteous ways.
 - ii. He did not cover his iniquity—his corrupted and twisted way of life.
 - iii. He confessed his rebellious ways.
 - c. God forgave the guilt of his sin.

IV. David urges the faithful to pray and hide in the LORD for protection when trouble comes, 32:6-7.

- (Psalm 32:6-7 NIV) Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. 7 **You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

NO LONGER HIDING FROM THE LORD BUT NOW HIDING IN THE LORD.

V. God offers us instruction and loving counsel in the way we should go, 32:8.

- (Psalm 32:8 NIV) I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

VI. God warns us to have understanding and not be stubborn like a mule, 32:9.

- (Psalm 32:9 NIV) Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

VII. David contrasts the woes of the wicked with the unfailing love of God that surrounds the one who trusts in him, 32:10.

- (Psalm 32:10 NIV) Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

VIII. David gathers his thoughts and calls us to rejoice in the LORD, 32:11.

- (Psalm 32:11 NIV) Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!
- (Psalm 32:11 NLT) So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

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(PSALM 32:7 NLT)

