

Silence is not always Golden

PSALM 32

INTRODUCTION

We continue our study on revival. We are reminded that revival is *“the extraordinary movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of God’s people producing extraordinary results.”* Revival is the Reviver at work in the life of His own, the church.

Last time, we looked at the beginning point of revival...namely humility. Humility is coming to God on His terms. Humility occurs when you and I recognize how holy He is and how sinful we are. We saw last time that *humility is precious...why?* It draws the attention of God-**Isa 57:15, 66:1-2.** The Bible is clear: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (**James 4, 1 Peter 5**). The promise of humility: *God is personally and providentially supportive of the humble.* Contrary to the popular and false belief, God doesn't help those who help themselves, He helps those who humble themselves.

We also considered the *perversion of humility*, specifically the sin of pride. **What does God think about my pride? What is God's take on Pride?** God hates pride. He doesn't tolerate, overlook, excuse, or even dislike our pride—He loathes it! God opposes the proud!!

For this morning, please turn in your Bible to **Psalm 32.**

Guilt's Destruction:

1. **Guilt destroys our** _____.
2. **Guilt damages our** _____.
3. **Guilt keeps us stuck in the** _____.

Someone has said, *“Guilt cannot change the past just like worry cannot change the future. But it can make you miserable today.”*

If you look at the very beginning of **Psalm 32**, right before **verse 1**, you'll see the phrase, *“A maskil.”* This was a literary or musical term to indicate that the words to follow are very important. In other words, this is a *“preaching psalm”* given to us so that we can learn from the experiences of another. David wants us to pay particular attention to this inspired instruction so that we'll understand and embrace our need for forgiveness.

Please note...

I. The blessing of _____ (32:1-2)

A. THREE-FOLD DESCRIPTION OF SIN

David provides a threefold description of sin in these first two verses. In order to appreciate the greatness of forgiveness, one must understand the seriousness of sin.

David calls sin:

1. _____

This particular term has the following connotations: revolt, rebellion, rejection of God's authority, rebellion against God's law.

2. _____

The term used here in **v.1** is the primary word for sin in the Old Testament - ***the concept of “missing the mark or way”.***

3. _____

This term denotes crooked behavior. The point of using these three different words is to remind us that all types of sin and wrongdoing can be forgiven. We defiantly disobey, we miss the mark, and we're inherently crooked. Our *“little”* sins are an affront to the Almighty and those *“big”* acts of rebellion offend our Holy God. But no matter what we've done, we can be restored.

B. THREE-FOLD DESCRIPTION OF FORGIVENESS

David also uses a triad of words to express the fullness of our forgiveness.

1. Sin is _____.

- **Ex 34:6-7:** *"The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished"*

2. Sin is _____.

3. Sin is not _____.

- **Isaiah 1:18:** *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*
- **Isaiah 43:25:** *"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."*
- **Psalms 103:12:** *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."*
- **Micah 7:19:** *"You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea."*

Also, please note...

II. The blessing of _____ (32:3-5)

A. He suffered _____ (v.3a)

"my body wasted away."

B. He suffered _____ (vv.3b &4b)

"Groaning all day long"

C. He suffered _____ (v.4a)

'For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.'

"God's hand is very helpful when it uplifts, but it is awful when it presses down; better a world on the shoulder, like Atlas, than God's hand on the heart, like David." (Spurgeon, Treasury of David, pg. 89)

Lastly, please note...

III. The blessing of GOD'S _____ (32:6-11)

God's help is seen in **three ways**:

A. In His _____ (6-7)

It's interesting that in the beginning of this psalm, David is hiding his sins from God; now he is hiding himself in God.

B. In His _____ (8-10)

C. In His _____ (11)

CONCLUSION

Let's revisit the sin of pride...let's be honest about it. 4 pitfalls of **pride**:

1. *Pride causes us to deal with the _____ rather than the real*
2. *Pride causes us to deal in _____ rather than specifics*
3. *Pride causes us to be concerned with what people _____ about us than what God _____ about us*
4. *Pride cause us to be _____ with things that way they are*