

What Do I Do With My Sin?

Psalm 32

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Though he was called “a man after God’s own heart” and wrote much of the Hebrew worship hymnal he also sinned greatly by committing adultery and murder. He also experienced the grace and mercy of God through forgiveness. Through his experience we are blessed by his insights on how we can deal with our sin.

I. Admit the Problem of Sin

Four words used to describe our sin:

- Transgression: rebellion
- Sin: Missing the mark
- Iniquity: Crookedness or perversion
- Guile: Fraud or deceit

II. Provisions by God

1. Forgiveness

2 Samuel 12: ¹³ So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

Ephesians 1: ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

2. Sin is covered

Jeremiah 31: ³⁴ "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Psalm 103: ¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

3. Does not impute iniquity

Romans 4: ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "Blessed *are those* whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;

⁸ Blessed *is the* man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."

III. The Pathway of Confession

1. The Way-v.5

- (1) Admit/Acknowledge
- (2) Confess

2. Several Warnings

- (1) Silence can lead to physical problems
- (2) Secret trap-"not hidden"

Proverbs 28: ¹³ He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

(3) Stalling: don't procrastinate

(4) Stubbornness

IV. The Product of a Cleansed Life

1. Happiness

Psalm 103: ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

2. Hiding Place

3. Help Others

Psalm 51: ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.

¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

4. Humility