

## Hiding in His Blessing

Psalm 32

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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things (*ie. my sinful nature*) passed away; behold, new things (*ie. freedom from sin's destruction*) have come.

Psalm 32:1,2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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

Selah!

### **The Blessing**

Impacts our emotions

Impacts our thinking

Impacts our behavior

### **Selah...pause and ponder**

How do I get past the numbness I have toward my sinful state so I can hunger for and desire the blessing God has for me?

How can I better sense when I have left or returned to the blessing?

How can I experience the depth of 'blessing' that David is experiencing?

### **The Hiding Place**

Genesis 3:8

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

### **The heavy hand of God**

We can experience guilt on the run!

We can experience guilt as a permanent stain!

We can experience guilt as a form of penance for our sin.

### **Selah...pause and ponder**

How do I hide from God?

How do I avoid His presence?

Where do I go?

What do I do to escape Him?

### **The Surrender**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Selah

## **Confession is our surrender**

....to the pain of guilt

.... to the realization that the sin has led us to a place of emptiness.

....to to the desire to be free.

## **The Response**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **Selah...pause and ponder**

What is holding me back from entering His presence with this sin?

Am I ready to be free?

Will I put my trust in His forgiveness?

## **The Surrender (Part 2)**

### Barriers to the Blessing

I can wall it off with my need to be worthy of it.

I can wall it off believing the guilt will keep me from sinning again.

I can wall it off a feeling of hopelessness.

## **The Flood of Great Waters**

Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Selah.

## **A New Hiding Place...**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, But he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.