

Reflection Questions: How am I a mule? Do I readily confess my sin? Why or why not? Do I attempt to cover my sins or do I let God cover them for me? Am I on speaking terms with God right now? How is the Holy Spirit convicting me right now? How will I respond? What joy could be mine if I would no longer conceal my sin but come clean with God and confess them to Him?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

A basic truth of the Bible is that the godly know that they are ungodly.
Donald Williams

Until we fear sin and its consequences more keenly, we will not prize our pardon very highly.
John Piper

Psalm 32 is a psalm of penitence, but it is also the song of a ransomed soul rejoicing in the wonders of the grace of God. Sin is dealt with; sorrow is comforted; ignorance is instructed.
G. Campbell Morgan

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.

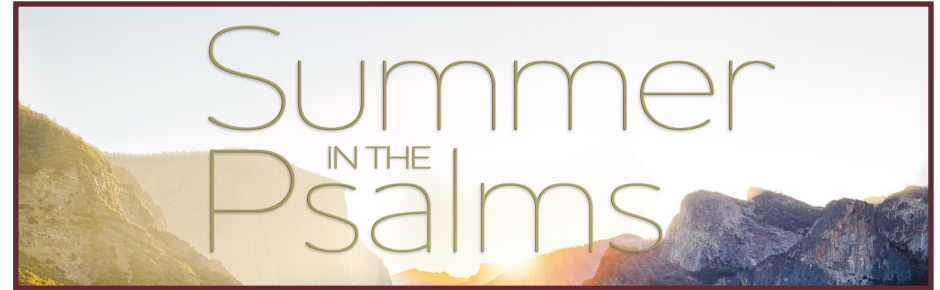
The lesson from the whole is this: Sinner, may God make you honest. Do not deceive yourself. Make a clean breast of it before God.
Charles Spurgeon

Repentance and confession starts when blame-shifting ends. It starts when self-centeredness ends. It starts when self-pity ends.
Timothy Keller

'Til sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet.
Thomas Watson

David here teaches us that the happiness of men consists only in the forgiveness of sins, for nothing can be more terrible than to have God for our enemy; nor can He be gracious to us in any other way than by pardoning our transgressions.
John Calvin

You have not got to the bottom of the blackness of sin until you see that it is a flat rebellion against God Himself.
Alexander MacLaren



Psalm 32 — Don't Be A Mule

Sermon
Notes

July 23, 2023

1. Cleansing From Sin (1-2)
2. Concealment Of Sin (3-4)
3. Confession Of Sin (5)
4. Counsel About Sin (6-11)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Why must forgiven Christians ask for God's forgiveness when they sin
(1 John 1:7-9; 2:12)?

What is the prerequisite of forgiveness?

Why is this necessary?

Why doesn't God, in His great grace, just forgive all sin automatically?

3. What does *Psalms 32* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

4. What is the main theme or message of *Psalms 32*?

5. Why does Paul quote *Psalms 32:1-2* in *Romans 4:1-8*?

6. According to *Psalms 32:1-2*, how does one become *blessed*?

How does God forgive, cover, and not impute our sins? Use Scripture.

7. What happened to David when he *kept silent about his sin* (*Psalms 32:3-4*)?

8. Why do we try to hide our sins from God?

9. What do the following verses teach about hiding/not confessing our
sins?

Proverbs 28:13 —

Luke 8:17 —

Jeremiah 23:24 —

Revelation 3:19 —

10. What does Paul mean in *2 Corinthians 7:10*?

11. How does *Psalms 32:5* answer the question of *verse 1*, "How can I re-
ceive God's blessing?"

12. When is the *time when God may be found* (*Ps 32:6*)?

13. What are the promises of *Psalms 32:6-8*?

14. What must be our response to God's forgiveness of our sins (*Psalms 32:11*)?

15. What do the following verses teach about confession and forgiveness?

Psalms 103: 2-3, 12 —

Isaiah 43:25 —

Psalms 130:1-4 —

Isaiah 44:22 —

Daniel 9:5-6, 20 —

Ephesians 1:7 —