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God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

Psalm 32.

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Topics.

- Blessed are those whose spirit has no deceit and God counts no iniquity.
- Surely in the rush of great waters the LORD will not be reached or found.
- Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.
- I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

INTRODUCTION: Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

Book One (Psalm 1-41)

A Maskil of David.

Blessed are those who's Spirit has no Deceit and God counts No Iniquity.

Psalm 32:1-5 ----- ¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵I 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*.

David says the one who has no deceit, meaning they do not deceive themselves they do not remain silent about their transgressions, but confess and acknowledge their sin to themselves and before the LORD, is blessed and happy, because their transgressions are forgiven and LORD does not count their iniquity. God's hand (i.e., guilt, lack peace and joy etc.,) remains heavy on those who cover their sin rather than confess and acknowledge their transgression, but they must have confidence they are forgiven. Night and day David had no peace with the LORD, he was in despair, grief, pain and misery and felt the LORD'S hand was heavy upon him. His spirit, strength and joy were dried up. Following are the two paths David took to find freedom peace and joy and heal and restore his fellowship with the LORD: -

1. He confessed his sin and stopped trying to hide his iniquity from the LORD.
2. He was fully assured the LORD forgave him, without this confidence acknowledging transgression is stripped and robbed of its power to heal.

In all reality it was pointless for David to cover his transgression, God knows about them and sees them long before we come to Him in prayer. There is nothing that is hidden from His sight, yet because of shame, embarrassment and a sense of failure David tried to hide his iniquity from the LORD, but in doing so guilt robbed him from the abundant mercy, grace love joy and forgiveness the LORD wanted to bless him with.

Paul in his letters wrote: -

- If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Rom. 10:9-10).

John in his letters wrote: -

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)

This is not something new David's Psalms and prayers clearly show that he understood the principle of repentance and of acknowledging and confessing sin. Some might say, "If David can sin and repent and be forgiven why not do as we please since repentance covers." The answer to this is simple, we may fool man, but we cannot fool God, he perceives the honest motivation of the heart and will judge accordingly. It is almost certain those who deliberately use God's grace as an excuse to sin will find themselves standing in the group Jesus speaks of in the following verses: -

- Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21).
- Why do you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you? (Luke 6:46).

Surely in the Rush of Great Waters the LORD will not be Reached or Found.

Psalm 32:6-7 ----- ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah.*

Those who pray shall not reach the LORD or find him in the rush of great waters, means those seeking God: -

- While attending to business and in the rush of life will not reach or find him.
- With a mind that is full of anxiety, worry and the stresses of life.

This is not about walking with the LORD as we go about our daily duties and responsibilities of life. Nor is it about the unseen thoughts of our mind that regularly pray and talk with God when we are in the rush of life and attending to our family and work responsibilities. For the faithful there should be no moment in life in which they feel separated from God and from the Lord Jesus Christ, because the Lord will never forsake those who love him. Rather the context is about spending special, unique and individual times in communion with the Lord in prayer.

It could be likened to a husband and wife who are deeply in love, it matters not where they are or what they are doing their minds and hearts are forever connected to each other by love, but if they don't set aside some quality and romantic time for themselves out of the rush of life they are missing out on the full beauty of the marriage relationship. Likewise it is with our relationship with God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To spend quality time with the Lord we need to set aside time to be with him in quietness, put the cares of the world aside and calm the mind, and then enter into the LORD'S presence.

Steadfast Love Surrounds the One who Trusts in the LORD.

Psalm 32:8-11 ----- ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: (v8) Jesus summed these words up in his command, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," (Mark 12:31). Next to loving God with all our heart, mind and strength the command to love your neighbours as yourself is not only the greatest commandment in the entire Bible and under sun, the moon, the stars and all the heavenly hosts, but also the greatest commandment before God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To love your neighbour as yourself, (Matt. 22:39) means do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself.

James the brother of Jesus said: -

- If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well. (James 2:8).

James calls Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," the royal law and says if we are keeping this one law we are doing well. The thing God hates the most is when we deliberately do harm to another person, physically, verbally, financially sexually, emotionally or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do-good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt. The spirit underpinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each law protects another human from harm.

Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote: -

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

Paul shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the spirit underpinning the law is love, because the spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from all types of harm and hurt, whoever keeps the law will do no wrong to a neighbour (neighbour embraces all mankind not just those in God's Kingdom). Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because it honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith and because it is the right and loving thing to do.

The faithful in Christ's global Kingdom not only understand that righteousness that leads to eternal life is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort, but also know that from the love of God dwelling within their heart and displayed on the bloodstained cross of Calvary they are called to live a lifestyle that honours the King and Saviour they worship and follow and called to treat others with decency, respect and honest justice.

Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount: the constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church and those outside of it.

This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians, but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5). Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and deliberately does harm to other humans. For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see: "Matthew 5" in, Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).

I will counsel you with my eye upon you: (v8) all those who desire to hear the words of our Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant," have to do is live from love and not be like a stubborn mule, which must be curbed with bit and bridle. Whoever trusts the LORD and lives their life in this way will be surrounded by the steadfast love of God.

End.