

Guilt – Psalm 32
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Introduction

- What is distinctive about the Book of Psalms?
- What are psalms meant to do to us?

Psalm 32

- Which New Testament passage confirms that David wrote Psalm 32?
- What does David say can happen to our sin in v1-2?
- But what does God demand of us?
- What had David decided to do in the past (v3-4)?
- What happened as a result?
- What happens in v5?
- What two lessons has David learnt from this in v6-7?
- What else has David learned in v8-9?
- What is the conclusion of the matter in v10?
- And what is the right response for righteous people to have (v11)?

Lessons

- ☉ What is the first lesson about guilt which Psalm 32 teaches us?
- Which verses teach that?
- What are three occasions when guilt might hit hard?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)

- ⊙ What is the second lesson about guilt which Psalm 32 teaches us?
 - Which verses teach that?
 - David uses three different words for sin. What do they each mean?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - What does this show about David's view of sin?
 - Can you start to deal with guilt in any other way than by recognising the seriousness of sin?
- ⊙ What is the third lesson about guilt which Psalm 32 teaches us?
 - Which verses teach that?
 - What does it mean for transgressions to be forgiven?
 - What does it mean for sin to be covered?
 - Why is it fair that the Lord does not count our iniquity against us?
 - Which New Testament verse shows that?
- ⊙ What is the fourth lesson about guilt which Psalm 32 teaches us?
 - Which verse teaches that?
 - How fully and quickly does God forgive those who confess their sin to him?
 - What must you do if you have never confessed your sin to the Lord?
 - Can there be a difference between bearing guilt and feeling guilty?
 - What should you do first if you are feeling guilty?
 - What should you do if you feel guilty but are not actually guilty?
 - What should you do if you are guilty?
 - What else do you need to do if you have sinned against someone else?
 - In what sense should we remember our sins?
- ⊙ What is the fifth lesson about guilt which Psalm 32 teaches us?
 - Which verses teach that?
 - How does this help you to deal with guilt for the future?