

PSALM 32

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

BLESSED *is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

2 Blessed *is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7. Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;

thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM 33

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12. Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the

multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

IWILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and

were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man *that* trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the

earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 35

A Psalm of David.

PLEAD *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11. False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though

he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to

my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be

clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 32 is another song of penitence and was no doubt occasioned by David's sin with Bathsheba. The background for this Psalm is II Samuel 11 and 12. David lusted after his neighbor's wife, committed adultery, made the husband drunk, had him murdered, and then covered the whole affair for at least a year. David was not a young man when he fell into these sins; he was a mature man ruling over a great kingdom. In this Psalm David could find no words to express his shame and humiliation.

I firmly believe there is a difference between a sin of weakness and a willful, habitual sin. A good man may sin, but, because of that sin, his heart will be broken. This was the case with David. He had sinned; he knew he had sinned; and his remorse showed him to be a good man. A wicked man is much different from David. He purposely, willfully, and habitually sins, with no remorse. There is no sorrow, or no repentance because of his sin. And he would commit the same sin again.

Psalm 32 speaks of the wonderful forgiveness in Christ. Psalm 33 follows with joy and praise. We have no new song until we become children of God through the shed blood of Christ. In Psalm 34 David thanks God for wonderful deliverance. In every trouble David went straight to God in prayer. At every deliverance he went directly to God in thanks and praise. What a glorious thing to thus live in God! Someone has said, "Thank God for the starlight, and He will give you the moonlight. Thank Him for the moonlight, and He will give you the sunlight. Thank

Him for the sunlight, and by and by He will take you where He Himself is the Light."

Psalm 35 is a cry for help in distress and is known as an Imprecatory Psalm. Other such Psalms are 52, 58, 59, 69, 109, and 137. They must be understood as the prayers of the godly in a day of great apostasy and violence. The Spirit of God prays through them for the destruction of the wicked. To see a conflict here with Jesus' teaching of love and forgiveness is to misunderstand God's holiness when His grace in Christ has been rejected.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue" (Proverbs 17:4).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 20: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

MOTHER ALICE BLACK
CHARLES BROWN, JR.
DEMETRIOS BETHLEY

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1872

NORMAN MacLEOD DIED AT GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

He was a Scottish clergyman and author. In 1857 he became chaplain to Queen Victoria. He was one of

the founders of the Evangelical Alliance in 1847. He was a respected ministerial scholar in the 19th century. Perhaps you know some chaplain today for whom you ought to pray—maybe a faithful chaplain in the Armed Forces, maybe a chaplain in some school or penitentiary. Pray for chaplains today who are faithful to the Word of God.

1752

JOSEPH BUTLER DIED.

Butler was an English theologian who lived in the “Golden Age of English Deism.” He fought deism and wrote a famous and significant book, *THE ANALOGY OF RELIGION, NATURAL AND REVEALED, TO THE CONSTITUTION AND COURSE OF NATURE*. It was used for years as a required text in Christian apologetics in the universities of England and America.

1917

THE BIRTHDATE OF FORT PHILPOT.

Philpot has served as an evangelist in large city-wide crusades. He has been associated with Asbury College and Seminary. These are days when the evangelist is not too popular. In fact, there are those who would say there is a scarcity of evangelists, and the ones that we do have are not given the place of prominence they deserve and their office deserves. Pray for evangelists today. No doubt you know some personally. Pray for God’s blessings upon them. Pray that God will raise up evangelists to call America back to God.

1903

THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED.

This leads us to do something that we have not done for a long time. We ought to thank God for our

automobiles. Think of the tremendous asset the automobiles have been to Christian work and the many things that we can do today that could never have been done had it not been for the car. Bow your head now and thank God for your car.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1864

SIEGE OF PETERSBURG AND RICHMOND BEGAN.

Thirty-two black infantry regiments and black cavalry regiments were involved in siege. Black troops were especially prominent in following engagements: Deep Bottom, August 14-16; Darbytown Road, October 13; Fair Oaks, October 27-28; Hatcher’s Run, October 27-28.

1943

RACE RIOT, BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

Two killed.

1971

RACIAL DISTURBANCE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

1969

U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE SUSPENSION OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR. FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

1970

KENNETH A GIBSON ELECTED MAYOR OF NEWARK.

RACE RIOT, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

A Christian Life . . .

MARTIN LUTHER 1483-1546

German reformer. Martin Luther was converted to Christ from the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by reading the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. He became professor of theology at the University of Wittenburg in 1512, and retained that position until his death in 1546.

He nailed his famous Theses, in which he denounced the unscriptural position of the Catholic Church on many doctrines, to the church door in Wittenburg in 1517. This brought protracted and endless opposition from Rome.

He was summoned to appear before the German Congress at Worms in 1521 to answer charges of heresy. Using the witness stand as a pulpit, Luther made his well-known defense of the Scriptures, which ended with the immortal statement, "Here I stand...I cannot do otherwise...God help me!" He was promptly excommunicated from the Catholic Church.



He firmly established in Europe the three great truths of the New Testament, which had been buried for centuries under ritual and dead formality. Those truths are (1) that man is justified by faith alone, (2) that every believer is a priest with direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ, and (3) that the Bible apart from tradition is the sole source of faith and authority for the Christian.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY JOB AND POSITION"

(Assignment 20)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

() Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

() Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

() Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

() Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

() Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.