



# DISCIPLE

**Desire Determination Discipline Diligence Delight Doer**

**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 21\_6b PSALMS

**Passage:** Psalms 32

## **Penitential Psalms**

- Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- “penitence” - “feeling or showing sorrow and regret for have done wrong; repentance of sins”.

## **What Does Repentance Look Like?** (2 Corinthians 7:9-12)

- Definition: Turning away from disobeying the Law of God to obey the written Word of God. Anything less is NOT repentance.
- Importance: If one does not continually repent of his/her sins he/she will perish. (Luke 13:1-5)
- (2 Corinthians 7:1, 8-10 )Characteristics of true repentance:
  - ① (2 Corinthians 13:5) A continuous EXAMINATION of self.
  - ② (1 John 1:8-9) A continuous CONFESSION of sin.
  - ③ (2 Corinthians 7:9-11) Godly sorrow! **The penitential psalms are examples of this kind of sorrow!**
    - This is a CONTRITE heart. (Isaiah 57:15; 66:2; Psalm 34:18; 51:17; **Ezekiel 9:4-6; Matthew 5:3-4; Luke 18:13-14**)
  - ④ After confession comes the “cleansing/purifying of self”. See 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:3.
  - ④ Mortifying (putting to death) those sins. (Colossians 3:5-13)
- (2 Corinthians 7:11) What godly sorrow produced:
  - ① **Diligence** (earnestness) to do what was right - a real eagerness to make things right between them and God and Paul.
  - ② **Vindication** of themselves. They wanted to do what was right in order to clear their name and prove themselves trustworthy again.
  - ③ **Indignation** or anger at themselves and their sins. (See Psalm 119:104; 128)

- ④ **Fear** - they were now “taking God serious”. In their sin they were ignoring God’s Word.
- ⑤ **Vehement Desire** – a longing for their relationship with Paul be renewed.
- ⑥ **Zeal** for holiness. A fervent spirit to do what was right in God’s sight. See Psalm 69:9; 119:139; Acts 17:16; Romans 12:11; Colossians 4:12-13; contrast with Revelation 3:15-16.
- ⑦ **Revenge** (KJV) or “**avenging of wrong**” (NASB) – the idea here is making things right again, **making restitution**, accepting the consequences of their sins. Consider carefully - Matthew 5:29-30; Colossians 3:5-9.

## The GREATEST Obstacle to Real Repentance

- (Obadiah 3) - the **PRIDE** of your heart has deceived you. (NKJV, NIV, KJV, ESV)
- (Obadiah 3) - the **ARROGANCE** of your heart has deceived you. (NASB)
- (Obadiah 3) - your **PRESUMPTUOUS** heart had deceived you. (NET)
- (Obadiah 3) - you have been deceived by your own **PRIDE**. (NLT)
- **MEDITATE** carefully on the second part of verse 3!!

## Blessed Are the Forgiven (Psalm 32)

- This Psalm comes AFTER Psalm 51 - David’s actual prayer of confession/repentance for his sins of adultery, lying and murder. (2 Samuel 11:2-27)
- This Psalm comes AFTER Nathan’s declaration of David’s forgiveness.
  - **READ:** 1 Samuel 12:7-13.
- (vv. 1-2) “Blessed” as we learned in Psalm 1 the word “blessed” is in the **PLURAL** - “abundance of blessedness”!!
- (vv. 1-2) A person is **ABUNDANTLY BLESSED** (and ought to acknowledge his blessedness) whose **transgression** is forgiven, whose **sin** is covered, whom the LORD does not **impute iniquity**, in whose spirit there is not **deceit**.
  - God’s definition of sin: Sin is **LAWLESSNESS**! (1 John 3:4)
  - Three words used to describe sin:
    - ① **TRANSGRESSION** - revolt, rebellion against GOD; “crossing the line”; a transgression may be intentional (presumptuous) or unintentional. (Leviticus 4; Numbers 15:22-31)
    - ② **SIN** - offense against GOD; “missing the mark” - perfection - Matthew 5:48; James 1:2-4; Hebrews 6:1; Ephesians 4:11-13; Philippians 3:8-14; Revelation 3:1-2.

- A general term that describes *anything* “falling short of the glory of God”. (Romans 3:23)
- ③ **INIQUITY** - premeditated; to continue to sin without repentance; perversity. See Micah 2:1.
  - ✗ **UNREPENTANT** sin leads to unnatural affections and a reprobate mind with no fear of God. (Romans 1:28-32)
  - Examples: David’s sin with Bathsheba (1 Samuel 11); Eli’s sons (1 Samuel 3:13-14)
- (vv 1-2) Blessed is the man who sin is . . .
  - “forgiven” - **PASSIVE! ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVEN!** ALL sin is sin against God and only the one offended can forgiven. (Psalm 51:4; Mark 2:5-10)
  - ★ God’s forgiveness:
    - “blotted out” - Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Psalm 51:9
    - “cast behind His back” - Isaiah 38:17 in contrast to Ezekiel 23:35 and 1 Kings 14:9
    - “cast into the DEPTH of the sea” Micah 7:18-19
    - “as far as the east is from the west” - Psalm 103:12
    - “pardon” - Jeremiah 50:20.
  - ★ God’s “covering” as opposed to “nakedness”.
    - (Genesis 3:21) God covering Adam and Eve
    - (Isaiah 61:10) God covers us with His righteousness.
    - “to atone” means “to cover”
  - ★ Imputation: accounting term; crediting to an account.
    - (Matthew 6:12) “Forgive us our debts . . .”
    - (Matthew 18:21-34; Luke 7:40-48)
    - **BUT justice must be met soooooo . . . Isaiah 53:6!**
- ★ (vv. 1-2) **WHO IS FORGIVEN?**
  - ***“in whose spirit there is no deceit”***
  - See 1 Peter 2:1-2

