PSALMS CHAPTER 32

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God
A Psalm of David
Maschil

There is great value and interest in antiques today. Television stations air several reality shows that catalogue people's success and failures revolving around the world of antique sales. When we look to the Bible there are antique words that people do not use anymore. While there is no cash value to these old words they are invaluable to the eternity of our soul. One such word is "maschil."

Psalms 32 is the first of thirteen didactic poetic Psalms identified as a "maschil." The etymology of the word is derived from the Hebrew word hiphil of sakal, meaning 'have insight' and secondly 'the verb hiskil means to know how to reach one's aims and succeed in reaching them, and thus be justified as a wise man'' (ISBE volume 3, page 276). These thirteen Psalms help us gain insight into how to spiritually succeed in this life. Psalms 32 is a didactic song that guides us to be successful against sin so that we avoid the heavy hand of God in the form of chastisement or punishment.
Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

**Wanda James** was rushed to the emergency room this past Thursday with stomach issues. Surgeons did exploratory work and found that her appendix had ruptured. She is at United Regional recovering.

**Nina Gray** had the other side of her neck nerve endings burned off this past Friday. We pray that this will relieve the pain she has in her neck.

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David writes the Psalm based upon his own personal experience and then teaches his readers to learn the lessons he learned in life. The Psalm is reminiscent of the book of Ecclesiastes in that David’s son, Solomon, writes of life’s experiences so that others may benefit from his success and failures. David has sinned. We are not told what the sin is; however, the significant issue is not the sin itself but rather one’s disposition toward their sin. David wants us all to learn, as he has, to not ignore the sin in our lives.

David had observed that there are consequences to living a life of sin. Those unwilling to acknowledge and confess their sin are due God’s heavy hand of punishment (see Psalms 32:4). There are four things that are gained by studying this Psalm. First, we gain greater incite into the value of forgiveness. Secondly, we gain greater incite into the meaning of fearing God and keeping his commandments (see Ecclesiastes 12:13 for the command). Thirdly, we gain greater incite into God’s providential acts within our lives. Lastly, we gain greater incite into the relationship that exist between the saints and God.

There is no sin worth the eternity of your soul. Let us all acknowledge our errors now before its everlastingly too late!

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**Teaching the Lost**

**Introduction**

Our God is not willing that any one man or woman would perish in their sins (see Ezekiel 33:11 and 2 Peter 3:9). Jesus said, “The harvest indeed is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Throughout the history of man God has sent his prophets (Isaiah 6; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 2:1-7), Jesus (Luke 19:10), apostles (Acts 9:10-20; 1 Corinthians 15:9-11), and others (2 Timothy 2:1-2) to preach the gospel to lost souls. Each and everyone of us today has the responsibility to do this most valuable work as well (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15).

**Preparing ourselves to Teach the Lost**

A. Knowledge and confidence in truth (Ezra 7:10 and Romans 1:14-16).
B. Be urgent (Deuteronomy 5:1ff; Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 6:18-20)
C. Be prepared (carry business cards and literature)
D. Open your eyes to the opportunities around you (Remember - The power of the gospel is salvation)!

**What do we Preach**

A. The gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1ff).
B. Expose their sin (Ephesians 5:11 and Ezekiel 16:1-2).

**Why do we sometimes Fail?**

B. Various excuses

**Conclusion**

We have the knowledge that the world needs more than riches and good physical health. You have knowledge of the greatest treasure humanity has every known. The knowledge to attain an eternal life of peace and joy!