

Sin message Psalm 7 and 32

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What is sin? Disobeying the commands of God. God says “don’t lie” and you lie.

Who is a sinner? If you have not thought like god since you got up this morning, you are a sinner. If you are not seated on a throne beside God, you are a sinner. L. Ravenhill

“Hollywood has put sin in a tuxedo and lace, but it still stinks in the nostrils of a holy God.” Lester Rolloff

“God burned Sodom and Ghommera for the same sins America condones.” Lester Rolloff

Psalm 7

7:14

“he travaileth with iniquity”- **sin is a problem pregnancy**

Travail= work that is of a painful nature

I have never had a baby, but I have had a few cows. Remember wife’s pregnancy with the 2 sons. Good days and bad days. There were tense days along with days of joy.

“Good day. I am OK. Never been better. Doing great.” Then, wake up at 2 am sick. Just when you think “I have this whipped,” sin rears its ugly head. Sin is a troubled pregnancy. Good day, bad day. No winner.

7:14

“hath conceived mischief”- **sin has babies**

“It is covered. It is gone. I got by. No one knows. It was done in Florida. It was done in a dark room. It was done at night.” After a short while, a few days, a few weeks, the presence of the baby begins to appear. Then, comes the delivery room. Then, the cry of a baby. In the days of Ahab, the sheep began to bleat.

Jas 1:15 *Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

There is no morning-after pill for sin. No way to have a one-night affair with sin. Sin will manifest itself. *Can a man take fire in his bosom and not be burned?*

Devil has no abortion clinics for sin.

When conception takes place, the baby is on its' way. It's yours. You will carry it till full term. No way to terminate sin pregnancy. Sometimes, sin bears twins, occasionally triplet.

"Oh, you say, how did I get in this mess?"

"I did not know my sin would follow me."

"I did not know I would have to hold my sin in my lap."

You can't put a sin baby up for adoption. You can't drop a sin baby off at granny's house.

"I never thought my sin would keep me up at night weeping bitter tears."

"I never thought it would cost this much to raise a child of sin."

The wages of sin are awful.

7:15

"he made a pit and digged it"- **sin sets traps.**

Cherokee Indians- example

"It won't hurt me. I have smoked it for years. I will never get addicted. I can cheat a little, raise a little hell, no problem. I just do it in moderation."

Then, without notice, without warning, the fall. Down into the pit. Never live long enough to dig your way out.

David said: Ps 38:4 *For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.*

You **can** dig your own grave. Haman hanged on the gallows he built for someone else. Are you digging your own grave??

7:16

“His mischief shall return upon his own head.”- **sin is a boomerang**

Interesting object. I read it was discovered by coincidence. Early hunters threw sticks at animals to kill them for food. One day a hunter was experimenting, trying to hew a hunting stick from wood or possibly bone. He threw it and it came back to him.

“I got rid of my sin. I dumped the body in the lake. I placed my sin in a grave. I moved out of state and left my sin in Tennessee.”

Oh no! Just when you think the coast is clear, you hear the whirling of that stick returning. The phone rings. The bill comes. You can’t throw sin away. It comes back.

David threw his sin onto Uriah. It made a circle and came back like the boomerang..

Psalm 32:1-2

In the first two verses of the chapter, David takes a look at his sin. He uses four terms in the two verses to describe his wrongdoing: **transgression**, **sin**, **iniquity**, and **guile**. These four words are powerful and each one sheds light on just exactly what sin is. *Transgression* means defiance. Sin makes a person a rebel. Sin defies that which is right and good and honest. Sin revolts against lawful authority. A sinner is a rebel. A child will sometimes defiantly tell a parent “no” in regard to a command. The child will test the authority of the parent by using defiance. A defiant child is saying to the parent “do you really have the authority to tell me what to do?” The parent may say to the child “pick up your toys.” The child’s response is “no.” “Go sit down.” “No.”

You skip church Sunday night, and you are a transgressor.

The word *sin* refers to a *defect*. The Hebrew root word means “to miss the mark” or “to fall short.” If there is sin in a person’s life, that person has a defect. We all have defects in our life. I may not see your defects and you may not see mine, but our heavenly father sees them all.

What must sin look like in the eyes of a holy God? It is surely awful. I once painted a room using what I believe to be the most breathtaking paint color I have ever seen. As I stood back and beheld the freshly painted room, it took less than five seconds to notice a small place I had missed. I went back and applied paint to that place.

You and I are a beautiful creation of God. Mankind is the epitome of God's creation. The apple of God's eye is not the planets, but humanity. Sin is ugly to God. Sin is ugly to children of God walking in the light of fellowship with God. Do you consider sin to be ugly? Sin is a painted wall with a place missed. Sin is a man without clothes. Sin is a musician with no instrument.

The third word used by David to describe his wrongdoing is *iniquity*. This word comes from a Hebrew root denoting *perverseness*. Further, the root of the word means "bent" or "crooked" or "warped." Sin warps human beings. Sin bends straight people.

I once saw a billboard that seems to never leave my mind. The billboard was split in the center. There was a large photo on the left half and a large photo on the right half. The photo on the left was the face of a beautiful young, teenage girl. The caption on the photo read "homecoming queen." The right half had a second photo of the same girl. Her face was disfigured. She looked years older. Could this possibly be the same person? The caption read "meth queen." What went wrong? Sin warped her. What was once a straight life had been made crooked. Sin is awful.

The fourth and final word used by David in reference to sin is *guile*. This word needs little discussion. Guile means *deception*. It stands for *duplicity*. When a person's life is described by the term **duplicity**, it bears the meaning that that person is living a life of double standards, double thoughts, double speech, and double actions. Have you ever met a person who has guile in their heart. They are one person on Sunday and another person on Monday. They say one thing and do another. We sometimes look over folk like this thinking maybe they have a flawed mind or have inherited a weak trait. No, they are acting out their sin. They do not curse, but

they do something just as bad, that is, they say one thing and do another. They promise to be here and don't show up.

Guile is sin and the Baptist church is filled with guile people. A man who says he will do thus-and-thus for the church and does not do what is promised is not only a liar, but is a guile person. That person is on the same level as the transgressor and the deceiver.

Blessed is the man....

Having studied the first two verses of Psalm 32, I am now more convinced than ever that sin is a giant issue. It is no mystery that Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross to reconcile mankind's sin unto God.

David rejoices in the fact *his* sin has been reconciled before God. Have you been to the Cross of Calvary to have your sin reconciled? David considers himself to be *blessed* knowing his sin is: *forgiven*, verse 1, *covered*, verse 1, and not imputed, verse 2.

Forgiven means "to be lifted up and carried away." I met the Lord as my savior April 11, 1965. That day around noon, God loaded up my sin and hauled it away. I never stopped sinning that day in 1965, but I stopped *wanting* to sin that day. Since that day, sin has bothered me. So, daily, before I fall asleep on my pillow, I am Jesus Christ to make one more trip. "Dear Jesus, please bring your truck and gather up another load of sin and take it away and dump it in the ocean of forgetfulness." As of this writing, I have been saved 19,731 days. That is a lot of trips and a lot of hauling. It is a good thing that it does not matter to grace what the price of gas is. Bless the name of the Lord.

As stated in verse 1, I am blessed that my sin is **covered**. The *blemish* is out of sight. It has been, as of this writing, 19,731 days since Father God has seen even one of my sins. Oh yes, the gossipers and the whisperers have, but not Jehovah God. As far as I know from reading God's Word, gossipers and whisperers will never have

opportunity to sit on a throne of judgment with me bowed before them.

I, and you alike, are *blessed* that our sin is *not imputed*, verse 2. To impute our sin means that the debt of our sin is not reckoned. Our sin debt is not on a ledger somewhere. We receive no invoices in the mail stating “payment due.” We got no phone calls from debt collectors. The debt is *cancelled*. It is no longer charged to our account.

There is an illustration I have heard from my childhood I wish to share with you. A country doctor in a small rural town had a successful practice. Years passed, time took its toll, and the country doctor passed away. Doctors are commonly considered to be wealthy. So, the town folk were anxious for the day when the deceased doctor’s estate would be revealed. To everyone’s demise, the doctor had left no wealth. His estate was rather meager. To further investigate, the ledger of his medical practice was opened and examined. Written on the page of patient after patient’s record of account were these words: *debt cancelled- too poor to pay*. Oh, what a Savior. No wonder Father God could not look upon his Son on the cross of Calvary. The sum of the canceled debt was enough to bankrupt heaven.

The Lamb of God *carried* my sin away, he *covered* my sin, and he *canceled* it. I am blessed.