

## Studying the Psalms

### Psalms Of Repentance

#### Psalms 6

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## What Produces Repentance?

- Bible preaching. (cf. Jonah 3:1-2)
  - *"Preach the preaching that I bid thee."* (cf. Luke 11:32) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The goodness of God. (Romans 2:4)
- The judgment to come. (Acts 17:30-31)
- Godly sorrow. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

## Efforts to Avoid Repentance

- Deny the existence of sin. (Malachi 1:6-14)
- Deny personal guilt. (1 Samuel 15:13, 15)
- Transfer responsibility for sin. (Ezekiel 18:20; Genesis 3:11-13)
- Cover up sin. (2 Samuel 11)
- Harm those who expose sin. (Matthew 14:1-11; Mark 6:17-28; cf. Galatians 4:16)

## God's Solution To Sin

- Repent and turn to God (Luke 13:1-4; Luke 15)
- Repent, performing deeds appropriate to repentance (Acts 26:19-20)
- Repent and escape the wrath to come! (Luke 3:7-8)

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Psalms 32:1-2, *"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!"*

- "Blessed" describes a blissful state, one with hope and joy.
- Four of God's blessings are described here:
  - Transgression is forgiven
  - Sin is covered
  - Iniquity not imputed
  - In his spirit is no deceit found

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**Psalms 32:1**, *“How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!”*

- How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.
  - Every deed that is contrary to God’s law is sin (1 John 3:4; cf. James 2:10-11; Romans 4:15)
  - Every such deed brings a curse (Galatians 3:10; cf. Deuteronomy 27:26; 11:28; Jeremiah 11:3)
- By contrast, blessed is the person who avoids sin (Psalms 1:1), “who practices righteousness at all times” (106:3; 119:2; 128:1)
- Who can claim to have avoided sin in every respect? No one.
  - “Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.” (Ecclesiastes 7:20; cf. 1 Kings 8:46; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10).