

Psalms 32

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Blessed Is the One Whose Sin Is Forgiven

- ¹ 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Forgive — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Iniquity — אָוֶן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (אָוֶן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 32:1

Sin: Psalms 53:1; 85:2; Isaiah 1:18; 43:25; 44:22. **Blessing:** Psalms 40:4; 106:3; Luke 11:28; Revelation 22:14. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 42:1

Psalms 32:2 **Parallel theme:** John 1:47; Revelation 14:5. **References Lord:** Leviticus 17:4

Psalms 32:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:1; 38:3; 38:8; 51:8; Job 30:30; Proverbs 28:13; Lamentations 3:8; Hosea 7:14

Psalms 32:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:15; 1 Samuel 5:11; Job 33:7

Psalms 32:5 **Sin:** Psalms 38:18; 103:12; 2 Samuel 12:13; 24:10; Job 33:27; Proverbs 28:13. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 30:5; Isaiah 65:24; Ephesians 4:32. **References Lord:** Hosea 6:1

Psalms 32:6

Parallel theme: Psalms 42:7; 144:7; Proverbs 1:28; Isaiah 43:2; 49:8; 55:6; John 7:34; 2 Corinthians 6:2. **References God:** Psalms 4:3; 40:3

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Parallel theme: Psalms 9:9; 27:5; 31:20; 32:10; 40:3; 91:1; 98:1; 119:114; 143:9; Revelation 7:10

Psalms 32:8

Parallel theme: Psalms 33:18; 34:11; Proverbs 3:1; Isaiah 49:10; Matthew 11:29

Psalms 32:9 **Parallel theme:** Job 35:11; Proverbs 26:3; Jeremiah 4:22; James 3:3

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Faith: Psalms 2:12; 34:8; 84:12; Proverbs 16:20; 1 Timothy 6:10. **Evil:** Proverbs 13:21. **Grace:** Psalms 147:11. **References Lord:** Psalms 5:12; 146:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:4

Psalms 32:11 **Righteousness:** Psalms 33:1; 64:10; 68:3; 97:12. **References Lord:** Psalms 97:1; Deuteronomy 12:12; Philippians 4:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 5:11

