August 13 Psalm 32 פכול דודי ודיוף פרון יה ביד בוכניף שכר יעדילף ועדי ניוצן

יולוחות כרכייו וחטור פטי בעשור מיוף ב בל ומיף

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לעודוף בעור בניירן בב בבול דייניו בחסוף פניול

שוברי יצוף אי של ירייונייות

The LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50 Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea more on this in Psalm 1 presentation

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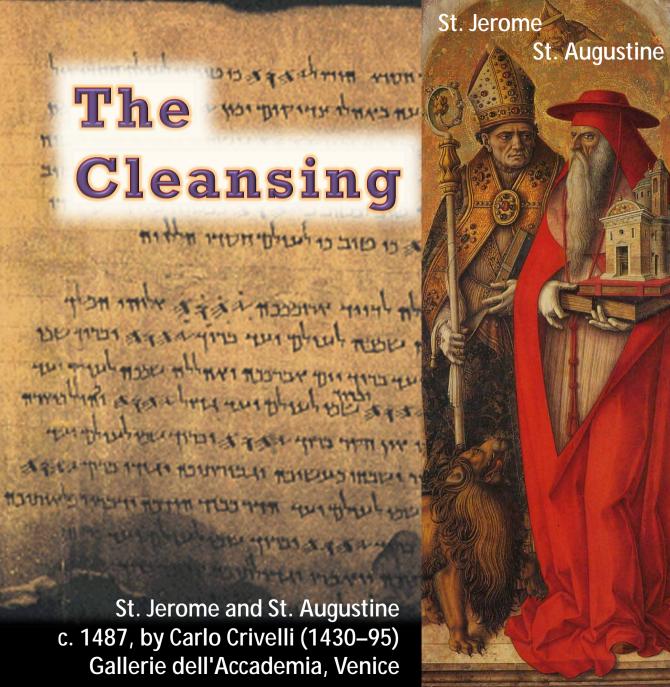
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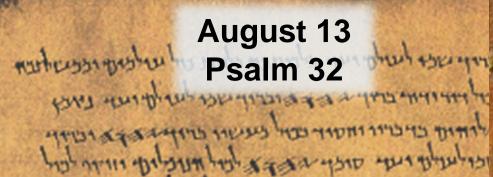




St. Jerome and St. Augustine c. 1487, by Carlo Crivelli (1430–95) Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice

THE THE PERSON WITH THE PARTY AND A STREET





The LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Close up of this exquisite painting





Theme

God's complete forgiveness of those who turn to Him in faith produces gratitude

Psalm 32

1-4 The Contrast – Release from Heavy Hand

5 The Decision – Transgression Confessed

6-9 The Counsel – Pray Immediately

10-11 The Conclusion – Lord's Love Surrounds





Key Verse Psalm 32:10









Alternate Title





Except for the most HOLY

Except for those with NO WORRIES

All of us need a SAFE PLACE









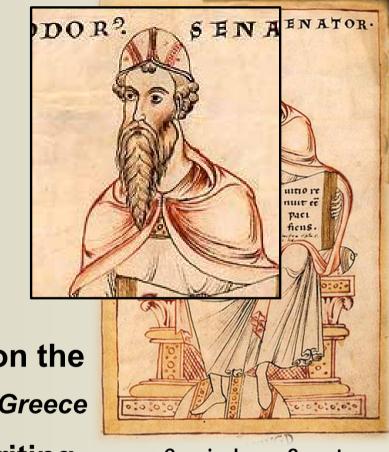
Psalm 32 one of the Seven Penitential Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Flavius Magnus Aurelius Cassiodorus Senator (c. A.D. 485–585) – Roman statesman at start of the Dark Ages in Europe ...

retired, started a monastery – called Vivarium on the Italian coast of Ionian Sea between boot of Italy & Greece

Turned his scrupulous attention to Christian writing
In his 6th century commentary *Expositio Psalmorum*we first see one of the divisions of the Psalms

Seven Penitential Psalms



Cassiodorus Senator (c. A.D. 485–585)

Cassiodorus* (c. A.D. 485-585)

Only commentary on entire Psalter surviving from the patristic era – or era of the Church Fathers

He wrote while traveling to Constantinople, capital of the Roman Empire turned Byzantine Empire

It would fall to the Seljuk Turks c. 1450 ...

When he retired from public life, he took up

biblical writing, and he said in the preface of his Expositio Psalmorum

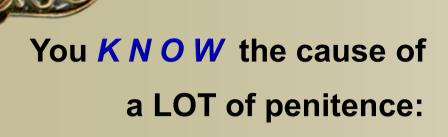
he avidly sought the honey of the Psalter

What is YOUR term for the Psalms to YOU?



Cassiodorus Senator (c. A.D. 485–585)





Pride

I had to reach deep for this

You know ...

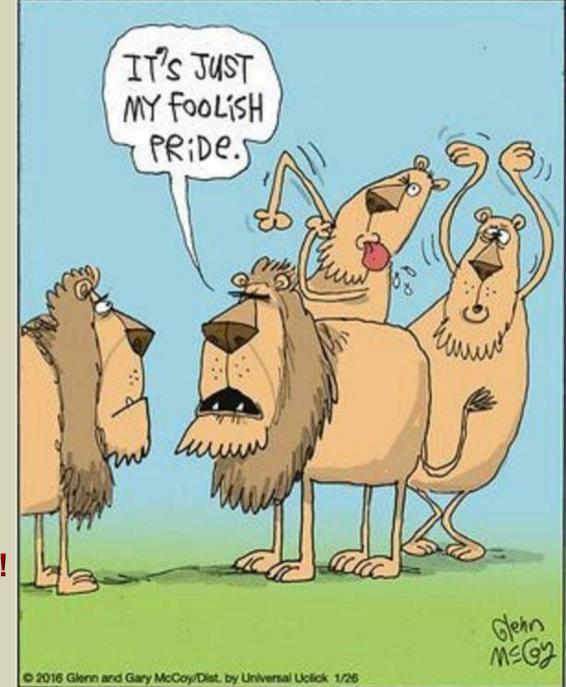
Birds of a Feather ...

Flock Together

Hanging around good people will

HELP you BE a GOOD PERSON!





Psalm 32 – Saint Augustine's favorite psalm.

St. Augustine (A.D. 354–430), Bishop of Hippo, North Africa

Titan of Christian faith and Western philosophy

On Christian Doctrine - c. 389

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Enchiridion – 420, "Manuel" on Christian piety

Confessions – c. 410, 1st Western autobiography his sinful life to his conversion—*masterpiece*

<u>City of God</u> – 426, Xnity NOT cause Fall of Rome

On the Trinity – began early, worked on it to end

Hard to estimate the contributions of Augustine to Western THOUGHT ...

To the PRINCIPLES of valuing human "LIFE" and more



Saint Augustine, earliest known portrait, 6th-cen. fresco, Lateran, Rome Psalm 32 – Saint Augustine's Favorite Psalm.

James Montgomery Boice (1938-200) said

Augustine inscribed Psalm 32 on the wall next to his bed before he died in order to meditate on it better.

Augustine's Confessions - c. 410, a masterpiece

His descriptions of his SINFUL life are unmatched he was a VERY intelligent philandering rascal His descriptions of his conversion ... also unmatched





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Augustine (A.D. 354–430) Great Defender of Christianity

lived near the Fall of Rome before the Dark Ages

Plato and Greek classics influenced him a LOT

Before the world was ROUND – lot of odd thinking

Quote from his Confessions (Book 8, Chap. 5):

Thus with the baggage of the world

I was sweetly burdened,



Augustine's Confessions (Book 8, Chap. 5), a quote:

sweetly burdened, as one in slumber,

and my musings on thee were like the efforts of those who desire to awake,

but who are still overpowered with drowsiness and fall back into deep slumber.

And as no one wishes to sleep forever (for all men rightly count waking better) ... he is glad to sleep on even when his reason disapproves,



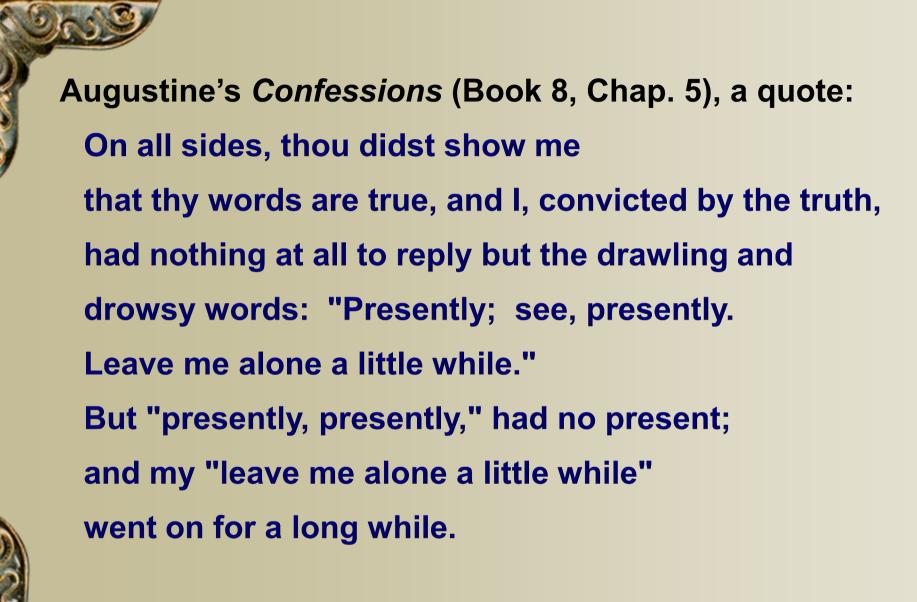


Augustine's Confessions (Book 8, Chap. 5), a quote: and the hour for rising has struck so was I assured that it was much better for me to give myself up to thy love than to go on yielding myself to my own lust. Thy love satisfied and vanquished me;

my lust pleased and fettered me.

I had no answer to thy calling to me, "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."







Psalm 32 – Saint Augustine's Favorite Psalm.

Augustine CLASSIC saying on Psalm 32, that some say was Augustine's motto:

intelligentia prima est ut te noris peccatorem

the beginning of knowledge is to know oneself to be a sinner

To grapple with Psalm 32 ... and I do mean GRAPPLE

To wrestle with the FORGIVENESS in Psalm 32

We need to understand better an odd

Ungainly 21st century term

"SIN" - "Transgression"

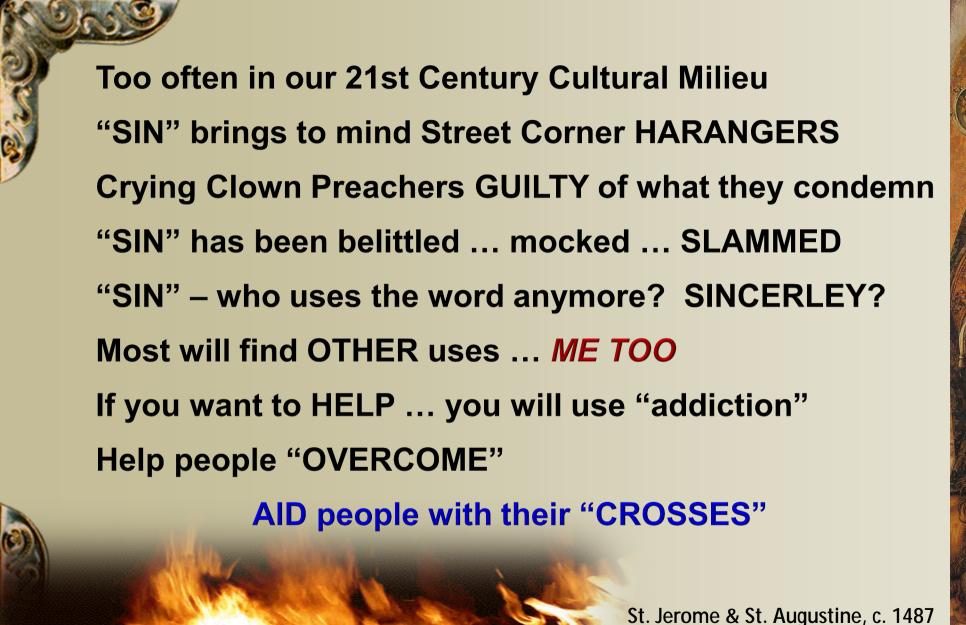


Psalm 32 – Forgiveness We began with Augustine ... to highlight this psalms' Most exquisite history ... for likely, surely ... certainly! Psalm 32 is the favorite of FEW today There are FEW who have gone through what King David or St. Augustine went through Who felt their "sinfulness" so odious that turned their intelligent hearts to create masterpieces "SIN"—the word—today has lost its ugliness "SIN" today ... the word ...

"SIN" brings to mind ...







St. Jerome St. Augustine

by Carlo Crivelli (1430–95)

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Oh ... I know you get this ... but let me reinforce it
What did King David do? – RAPE & MURDER
None of us ... not one of us here today are guilty of that
NO sir, NO Ma'am
Psalm 32 was because of SEEING the Holiness of GOD

Psalm 32 was because of SEEING the Holiness of GOD FEELING the nearness of a HOLY GOD In KNOWING GOD ...

we see the SMALLEST infraction







Psalm 32 opens with: A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

"Maskil" = MASS-kill = SONG "teaching wisdom"?

I felt the need to spend some time on this word, and hopefully pull it together later

No one knows the FULL Meaning of "Maskil"

The word's roots are common enough ... even v. 8 of Psalm 32

I will INSTRUCT you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Root of Maskil is translated "Instruct" ...

From this many have said "Maskil" means a "Teaching" Psalm
Or others have said Psalm 32 is an "Insightful" Psalm

Psalm 32 opens with: A Psalm of David. A Maskil

Thirteen Psalms are called a Maskil: 32, 45, 44, 45,

52-55, 74, 78, 88, 89, 142

Psalm 88 is a Psalm of Sons of Korah, a Maskil of Heman

Psalm 89 is just a Maskil of Ethan ...

Oddly enough, in the Slavic countries,

a "Maskil" is also a

Rabbinic scholar or "enlightened man"

Because "Maskil" is just one word and not too frequent

Because there is great mystery ... and ease of the internet ...

I looked did some digging on this

A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

Exact meaning not CRYSTAL clear to anyone

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary notes

Septuagint or LXX, the Greek O.T. c. 200 B.C. & beyond translates Maskil as "ability of comprehension"

Latin Vulgate translate Maskil as

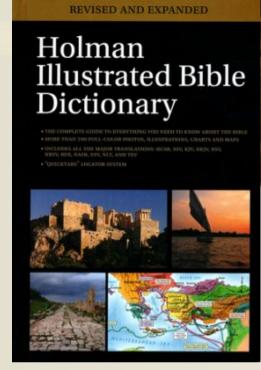
"understanding" or "intelligence"

One: a Psalm of wisdom, understanding, teaching

Two: a skillful, artistic music composition or song *MUSIC*

Furthermore, in 2 Chron. 30:22 we see

some Levites are "skilled" (maskilim) in singing



Maskil refers to

WORDS or





A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

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International Bible Encyclopedia (1939) notes the essence of several Bible scholars

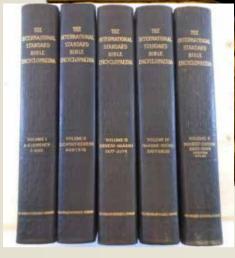
- ✓ Briggs suggests "a Meditation"
- ✓ Thirtle and others "a Psalm of Instruction"
- ✓ Kirkpatrick "a Cunning Psalm"

A Maskil is a:

Meditation – Instruction – Cunning Psalm

Cunning Psalm

^ ^ Remember "Cunning Psalm" ^ ^ ^



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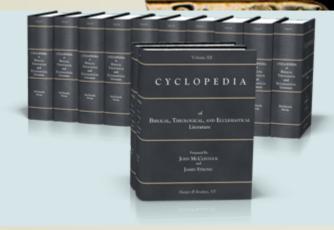
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True of every Sacred Song ...

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See 1Sa 18:14-15; 2Ch 30:22; Job 22:2; Ps 14:2; Ps 41:1; Ps 53:2; Pr 10:5,19; Pr 14:35; Pr 15:24; Pr 16:20; Pr 17:2; Pr 19:14; Pr 21:12; Jer 1:9; Da 1:4; Da 11:33,35; Da 12:3,10; Am 5:13.

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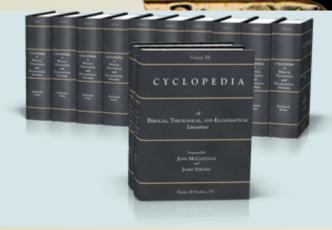
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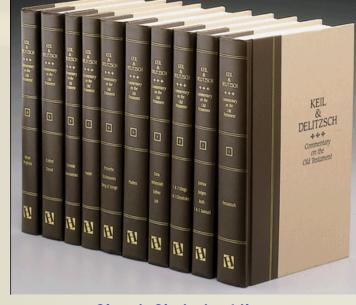


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A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

Keil & Delitzsch's *O.T. Commentary* (10 vols; 1866) challenges Psalm 32's strictly teaching nature Reflecting upon Augustine's *Confessions*, K & D say:



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Theme of this Psalm is the precious treasure
which Augustine brought up out of that abyss of spiritual distress

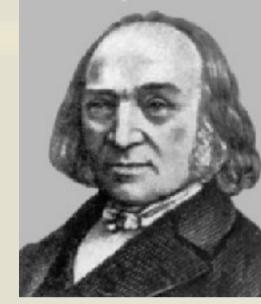
... the doctrine of the Blessedness of Forgiveness,

the sincere and unreserved confession of sin as the way to it, and the protection of God in every danger, together with joy in God, as its fruits.

Briggs in his mighty two-vol. *Book of Psalms* (1906-7) deferred to Heinrich Ewald on *Maskil*

Heinrich Ewald (1803-1875), great respected German scholar of Bible languages, author 2-vol Commentary on Psalms (1880-81)

A Maskil is a musical term denoting a melody requiring great skill in its execution.



Georg Heinrich Ewald (1803-1875)

No one knows for CERTAIN after 3,000 years and 1,000+ scholars

What we DO KNOW is that King David in 1000 B.C. knew

Perhaps we can say is the 13 Maskil Psalms are sung with a

Uniquely Intricate Melody or Rhythm

perhaps Teaching Cunning Wisdom



Spurgeon* divided Psalm 32 as such

- 1-2 Benediction of the Pardoned
- 3-5 David's Personal Confession
- 6-7 Application of the Case to Others
- 8-9 Voice of God Heard by the Forgiven One
- 10-11 Two Great Classes of Men

He also notes Psalm 32 is the SECOND starting w "BLESSED"

- Ps. 1 Blessed ... who walks not = result of "Blessed"
- Ps. 32 Blessed is the man ... forgiven = cause of "Blessed"

Spurgeon notes:

Pardoning mercy is of all things in the world most to be prized, for it is the only and sure way to happiness.

^{*} *Treasury of David*, Psalm 51, http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php

32:1-4 The Contrast – Release from Heavy Hand
Who better to introduce Psalm 32
Than the Apostle Paul

After a piece on Abraham trusting God ... in Faith Paul says in Romans 4:5-6,

- ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.
- ⁶ David says the same thing when he speaks of the BLESSEDNESS of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works.

One cannot "WORK" their way to salvation ...

Salvation only, solely through FORGIVENESS



Paul the Apostle, c. 1657 by Rembrandt

In Rom. 4:7-8 the Apostle Paul QUOTES Psalm 32:1-2

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

So, did you catch that?

Psalm 32:1-2 was inspired in 1,000 B.C. and then inspired again in circa A.D. 55-58 ...

DOUBLY INSPIRED

And "Sins" DOUBLY dealt with too:

1. Sins FORGIVEN ... 2. Sins COVERED



Paul the Apostle, c. 1657 by Rembrandt



Look again at these verses:

In Romans 4:7-8, beloved Paul quotes Psalm 32:1-2

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are FORGIVEN, whose sins are COVERED.

² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THEM and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Catch this!

DOUBLY INSPIRED in 1,000 B.C. & again in A.D. 55

DOUBLY DEALT with: Sins FORGIVEN - Sins COVERED

Then the Doubly Inspired text TRIPLES down astounding words:

LORD DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THEM!

Paul the Apostle, c. 1657 by Rembrandt

Now you understand the TRUE meaning of

Blessed

Sins Forgiven, Covered ...

LORD not counting them

That is very specific, clear and categorical.

Now certified by Apostle Paul in the most important theological book in the entire Bible: Romans!

Yet ... I suspect ... just guess

There is still some wonder about that wild term "SIN"



Paul the Apostle, c. 1657 by Rembrandt



Spurgeon* so eloquently said,

Blessedness is not in this case ascribed to the man who has been a diligent LAW KEEPER, for then it would never come to us, but rather to a LAWBREAKER, who by grace most rich and free has been forgiven.

No kidding there, Mr. Mighty Spurgeon Blessedness is to the FORGIVEN alone.

^{*} *Treasury of David*, Psalm 51, http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php

Spurgeon* furthermore and colorfully says,

Three words so often used to denote our disobedience:

transgression, sin, and iniquity, are the three headed dog at the gates of hell,

but our glorious Lord has silenced his barkings forever against his own believing ones.

The trinity of sin is overcome by the Trinity of heaven.



32:1-4 The Contrast – Release from Heavy Hand Psalm 32 continues with the RELIEF ... sweet relief ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah. However ... I suspect ... just wonder **REALLY?**

For one to have EXPERIENCED Psalm 32 ...

For one to have truly FELT Psalm 32 ...

What Sin Did He or She DO?



Several believe Psalm 32 ... follows after Psalm 51

Several believe the "SIN" was RAPE & MURDER

Bathsheba stolen & murder of husband Uriah

REALLY?

Glad we looked at Psalm 51 in a little depth

Psalm 51 – the Most Broken Man

Now sometime after CONFESSING his sin -

And CONFESSING with a truly "Contrite Heart"

David now SINGS of the Forgiveness ... WITH

David now SINGS of his Full Pardon ... WITH ... WITH

Still the MEMORY of his GUILT







And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah.

The KEY ... KEY to FORGIVENESS is







What grander result than what Psalm 32 itself then gives?

⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

⁷ You are my HIDING PLACE; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Selah.

Savor that ...

You are my HIDING PLACE

True forgiveness comes ... is felt ... is truly known

When GOD is our HIDING PLACE

32:6-9 The Counsel – Pray Immediately

When truly ... solely ... YHWH—LORD God is our Hiding Place
Then King David sings ... what a marvelous tune

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

and that instruction or ... or "cunning wisdom" is???

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Ah ... do I hear David saying AGAIN: I Am THE MAN

Or ... rather ... saying: I Am THE DONKEY





32:6-9 The Counsel - Pray Immediately

Yet ... let's not degrade this psalm

Let's not say ... or even incline to think that THIS beautiful psalm

Has such a simplistic message as

Don't be a Jack ____ ... or, Don't be Donkey

Often, we need the negative ...

most of the Ten Commandments are in the negative ...

In the 21st century ... few truly grapple as Psalm 32 or as 51

Psalm 32 ... expresses in a Tune or Rhythm UNIQUE to 1000 B.C.

This Maskil expresses a "WISDOM" well known in 1000 B.C.

in 13 psalms – that is somewhat HIDDEN TODAY

But the HEART Psalm 13, ohhh, the HEART is clear ...

32:10-11 The Conclusion – Lord's Love Surrounds Psalm 32 closes so eloquently ... such an exquisite end Oh, if "Maskil" means that Psalm 32 is a to be sung With CUNNINGLY wise TONES TUNES ... or WISE WORDS What was that wondrously CUNNING melody? We wonder what the fine crescendo of heartfelt melody sung: ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

11 Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

The road to the "Upright Heart" may have been rough

32:10-11 The Conclusion – Lord's Love Surrounds

Psalm 32 closes in such an exquisite manner

¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;

sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Forgiveness & Pardon to all ... by Confession

No matter how bad ... or how sinful ... ALL HAVE SINNED

ALL "SIN" is EARTH SIZE ... Universe Size compared to YHWH

ALL

have fallen very short of the Absolute Holiness of Almighty God

"Upright Heart" is the Precious HEART that

truly, contritely, wholly, humbly, sincerely is

Honest with God



