

MINI-SERIES

"DEVOTED TO PRAYER... DEPENDENT ON HIS SPIRIT"

"The Relentless Passion and Resolute Posture of the People of God"

PART 4

"I'VE GOT YOU COVERED!"

"The Promise of God to the Repentant & the Blessings of Confession"

(Psalm 32)

INTRODUCTION:

"Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

—James 5:20

THE BACKSTORY: 2 SAMUEL 11-12

"But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD."

—2 Samuel 11:27b

1A. A _____ : THE PSALMIST'S STATEMENT. (V. 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!"*

2A. A _____ : THE PSALMIST'S STORY (V. 3-7)

1B. The Psalmist's _____ (v. 3-4)

*"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.*

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer." Selah.

2B. The Psalmist's _____ (v. 5)

*"I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD';
And You forgave the guilt of my sin." Selah.*

3B. The Psalmist's _____ (v. 6)

*"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found;
Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him."*

4B. The Psalmist's _____ (v. 7)

*"You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance." Selah.*

3A. GOD'S CONCISE INSTRUCTION (V. 8-9)

1B. Listen to Me! I know the _____ (v. 8)

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you."*

2B. Listen to Me! This is your _____ (v. 9)

*"Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding,
Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check,
Otherwise they will not come near to you."*

4A. THE PSALMIST'S CONCLUDING INSTRUCTION. (V. 10, 11)

1B. The Fundamental _____ (v. 10)

*"Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him."*

2B. The Final _____ (v. 11)

*"Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones;
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart."*

CONCLUSION:

- Confession means to acknowledge one's sin in light of God's holiness and truth. The New Testament word means to "say the say thing." It is to admit our sin—to call it what God calls it without _____ or _____ (Lev. 5:5; Psalm 32:5; 38:18; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9). Confession is the indispensable _____ to _____ and is the _____ of _____. It is both _____ and _____, made to God and, where appropriate, to men and before men.