The Joy of Forgiveness Psalm 32

Context - Many scholars believe this was written by King David after his adultery with Bathsheba and Murder of Uriah the Hittite. He was miserable until he came clean before the Lord with his sins.

Main Idea - You will be happy and blessed if you confess and forsake your sins and seek the Lord's forgiveness.

1. _____ your sins before the Lord. (vs. 1-5)

- A. David was miserable until he was able to confess.
- B. 1 John 1:9 declares: (HCSB) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- C. For the one who will not confess their sins: Proverbs 28:13 (HCSB) "The one who conceals his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them will find mercy."

2. _____ on his protective deliverance (vs. 6-7)

- A. All sinners must go unto him while he may be found. Today is the day of grace and salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe on Christ.
- B. David saw God's protective reception of his repentance, and realized that he would not be swept up when the flood waters of God's judgment would come upon the wicked (vs. 6).
- C. David saw God as his hiding place, a refuge that would preserve him from trouble, and he heard God surround him with shouts of deliverance.

3. _____ all rebellion (vs. 8-11)

- A. David now teaches all of us to go to God and not to fight against him.
- B. We are not to be like a horse or a mule who would buck and fight against God's call to repent. If we do resist, God's council will not stay with us.
- C. While many sorrows follow the wicked, God gives full joy to the repentant.