

Lesson 5: The Pain of Silence

Psalm 32

Psa. 32:1 Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *Whose* sin *is* covered.

Psa. 32:2 Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

Psa. 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.

Psa. 32:4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah

Psa. 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Psa. 32:6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.

Psa. 32:7 You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Psa. 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psa. 32:9 Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

Psa. 32:10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

Psa. 32:11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

Lying is done with words and also with silence. —Adrienne Rich

You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut. — Sally Berger

Four Evils in Two Verses:

- 1 **TRANSGRESSION**—signifies the passing over a boundary, doing what is prohibited.
- 2 **SIN**—signifies the missing of a mark, not doing what was commanded; but it is often taken to express sinfulness, or sin in the nature, producing transgression in the life.
- 3 **INIQUITY**—signifies what is turned out of its proper course or situation; anything morally distorted or perverted, what is contrary to equity or justice.
- 4 **GUILE**—signifies fraud, deceit.

To remove these evils, three acts are mentioned:

1. **Forgiving**
2. **Covering**
3. **Not counting against**

“Better a world on the shoulder, like Atlas, than God's hand on the heart, like David.”