

Communion Meditation – Psalm 32

Psalm 32.2

Safe from the Sword

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vs 1 ~ Blessed are the Forgiven ~ This is the Greatest Possible Blessing

- By comparison all else is nothing / irrelevant
- The unforgiven can't understand this ~ And the forgiven often forget

vs 2a ~ “**Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity**”

- Note that it is God that does not impute iniquity ~ or does . . .
- **Rom 9.16** ~ “not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy”
 - To not impute iniquity means to not bring accusation
 - Which results in that person being free from judgment or penalty
- **Read John 12.46-49** ~ “I have come as a light ... and what I should speak ...”

The Sword of Damocles

- King Dionysius ruled in Syracuse (*Sicily*) Italy (3rd century BC)
 - A friend Damocles envied his wealth and power
 - Dionysius invited Damocles to be king for a day . . .
- While dining he looked up and saw a sword pointed directly at his head
 - It was held to the ceiling by a single thread
 - Dionysius placed it there to symbolize the constant threat
- A fearful Damocles requested to end his “*king-for-a-day*” exercise

vs 2b ~ “**And in whose spirit there is no deceit**”

- The deceit spoken of is obviously bad / As believers we want rid of it
- But wanting something and having something are entirely different
- At the start I said the forgiven often forget how great a blessing is forgiveness
- We also forget how great a scourge sin really is . . . We “*forget*” to fight it

Jesus did not come to judge sin in us but to conquer sin in us

But His words hang above each individual as a Sword of Damocles

We believers look up and see that Jesus Himself securely holds that sword aloft

But the unbelieving never look up ~ they refuse to turn to Jesus and be saved

This Table is a celebration of life ~ that Jesus protects us from that sword