

Communion Meditation – Psalm 32

Psalm 32.9

“Willing to Serve”

September 30th, 2012

Recap of vss 7 and 8

- In **v7** David spoke to God alone boldly declaring his absolute faith
- In **v8** God responded to this faith with a multi-faceted promise to
 - instruct, teach and guide David with His eye
- But then God gives this warning . . . “Why?”
- In **v7** David spoke of God as his protector / savior
- In **v8** God responded promising to teach and guide David
- Remember Elijah on Mt/ Carmel and afterwards (*Baal prophets and Jezebel*)
- What did Jesus tell the Pharisees & scribes?
 - “You pay tithe of mind but neglect justice & mercy & faith” – **Mt 23.23**

vs 9a ~ “**Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding**”

- Of what do the horse and mule have no understanding?
 - A better question is of what do horses and mules have an understanding?
 - Of eating oats, grazing in rich open fields, mating
 - This describes an unregenerate man . . . living for pleasure . . .
- What God is saying is don’t forget your duty

vs 9b ~ “**Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they won’t come near . . .**”

- God should not need to place a bit and bridle on us to get us to work
- ///: Don’t you think this sometimes with your children?
 - How do you get them to do stuff by being responsible?
 - Not necessarily that they “want to do it” ~ but that they’re willing . . .
 - Then the willingness becomes wanting when they embrace their role
 - We are to God as our children are to us . . .

Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me . .

My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The yoke Jesus described as “easy” is one we place on ourselves

God wants us to move from resistant ~ to willing ~ to wanting . . .

Let us be more than horses or mules today ~ let us serve God willingly / joyfully