

Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude

Giving Thanks for God's Forgiveness

PSALM 32:1–11



The Heart of the Matter

A wandering mind drove King David to distraction and became more than he could bear. After his sordid sexual affair with Bathsheba, followed by her informing him that she was pregnant with David's child, his mindset only got worse. To cover up his sin, David ordered Bathsheba's husband—one of David's best warriors—placed at the frontlines of a battle—a premeditated murder on David's part. After the warrior's death, David married the newly widowed Bathsheba. Then he retreated into secrecy and silence. These actions resulted in his living a lie. But his multiple sins refused to stay silent. No struggle is more relentless than sin . . . especially unconfessed sin. Let's take a close look at David's response to his sin and gain some insight for our own lives about God's blessed gift of forgiveness.



Discovering the Way

1. A Little Context

David's sin with Bathsheba opened the way for guilt to come in and do its work on his soul. David's struggle with sin provides context to his search for forgiveness.

2. From Guilt to Forgiveness (Psalm 32:1–11)

This psalm offers a portrait of a man wracked by the consequences of his sin. He reflects on the blessedness of forgiveness, the agony of guilt, the relief of confession, the prayer of protection, and the wisdom of instruction.

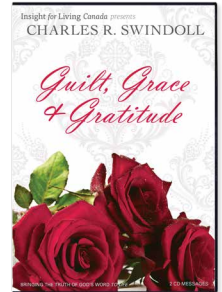


Starting Your Journey

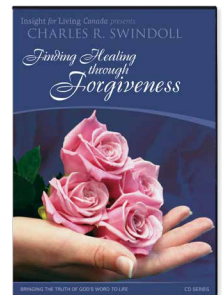
Are you running from God? Bridle yourself and return to Him. Are you overwhelmed by your sin? Come to terms with it. Are you watching someone drift away from God? Go to him or her today.



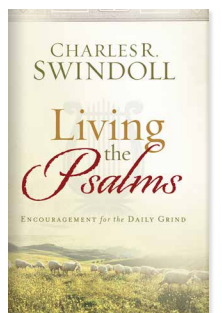
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