APPLYING THE PSALMS TO *EVERY* DAY LIVING—14

"Finding Contentment In A Discontented World"

Psalm 32:1-11

Introduction:_____

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I. FIRST, NOTICE THE ***POSSIBILITY*** OF SPIRITUAL CONTENTMENT (Psalm 32:1-2).

A. First, notice how spiritual contentment is *explained* (32:1-2).

1. First, it tells how our ***"transgressions"*** can be ***"forgiven."*** (32:1a).
2. Secondly, it tells how our ***"sin"*** can be ***"covered."*** (32:1b).
3. Thirdly, it tells how our ***"iniquity"*** cannot be *imputed* (32:2a).
4. Fourthly, it tells how our ***"spirit"*** or heart can be free from all ***"guile."*** (32:2b).

B. Secondly, notice how spiritual contentment is *expressed* (32:1a). ***"Blessed . . ."***

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE ***PATH*** TO SPIRITUAL CONTENTMENT (Psalm 32:3-5).

A. First, note how the path *commences* with chastisement (32:3-4). ***"When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me, my moisture is turned into the drought of summer."***

B. Secondly, note how the path _____ with confession (32:5). ***"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgression unto the LORD, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah."***

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ OF SPIRITUAL CONTENTMENT (Psalm 32:6-11).

A. First, consider the privilege of divine _____ (32:6-7a). ***"For they shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters the shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place . . ."***

B. Secondly, consider the privilege of divine _____ (32:7b). ***". . . thou shall preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah."***\

C. Thirdly, consider the privilege of divine _____ (32:8-9). ***"I will instruct then and teach thee in the way which thou go: I will guide thee with mine eyes. Be ye not as the horse, or mule, which have not understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."***

D. Fourthly, consider the privilege of divine _____ (32:10). ***"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about."***

E. Fifthly, consider the privilege of divine _____ (32:11). ***"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."***

CONCLUSION: If you lack contentment and peace in your heart today, one of two things is probably true"

1. **First, your have _____ been saved.**
2. **Secondly, you are saved, but there is _____ in your life!**