

March 3, 2021: Psalm 32 A Psalm of David. A Maskil.

1 Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

3 When I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

**7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.**

Note: Some psalms are called **maski**" (maschil) because they impart wisdom. Most notable of these is Psalm 142 which is sometimes called the "Maskil of David", others include Psalm 32 and Psalm 78. The term derives from maskil meaning "enlightened" or "wise."