

Questions to consider when reading PSALM 32.

Verses 1 – 5.

Sin. Various words are used – ‘transgressions’, ‘sins’, ‘iniquity’ (in the New International Version translation).

- Q1. What word do you find best when talking about ‘sin’?
- Q2. Why do you think the weight of his sins (v 4) was so painful?
- Q3. Can we know our sins are forgiven?

Verses 6 – 7.

- Q4. How does God protect those who pray to him? (see v 7)

Verses 8 – 9

- Q5. How does God instruct and teach us today? (see v 8)

Bishop David has written, “People can, without thinking, become stubborn like mules, hold on to their sins and stupidities, try to cover their mistakes, hide their deceits. The poet knows that such a course of action creates torment”

- Q6. Are we stubborn? (see v 9)

Verses 10 – 11.

- Q7. What reasons have I / we to ‘rejoice.. and... sing’? (see v 11)