Wasting Away In Sin

Tony Mauck · Psalm 32:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- Our ability to overcome temptation begins and ends with our confidence in God.
- How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. That's really what we're after.
- When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

1 My Body Wasted Away

Psalm 32:3–5; Genesis 3; Hebrews 3:13

- My vitality was drained away, and that is what sin will do.
- That is where so many falter. Not just in the commission of sin itself, but a failure to realize the damage that is incurred, the damage that is done when we transgress.
- One occasion of rebellion against God involves dramatic consequences.
- Even if in your life to this point you had only committed one sin, just one. To fix that problem in relation to the justice and perfection of God, it would still require the death of Jesus at Calvary.
- A lifelong pattern could be developed of opposition and rebellion to God from which you might never recover.

2 When We Commit a Sin, Nothing Happens

Psalm 50:16–22; Hebrews 11:25

- We need to take our sin seriously. When we commit a sin, nothing happens. There's no lightning bolt from heaven.
- These things you have done, and I have kept silent. I didn't reward you with punishment right on the spot.
- Not only does nothing bad happen, in fact, something pleasurable might result.
- I want to assure you, the feeling is only temporary.
- Maybe not any lightning bolts from heaven when we commit sin, but understand God tallies it.

3 What Is Lost in Sin Is Far Greater

Proverbs 1:18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

- What is lost in sin is far greater than what is gained. And what is gained is far less and inferior to what God offers.
- Sin always enshackles us and imprisons us. It's off to jail.
- Your body is to be a place or thing dedicated to holiness, because God resides in holiness.

4 Do Not Envy the Position or Pleasure of the Sinner

Romans 6:21–23; Psalm 73

- The position is precarious and the pleasure is always temporary.
- Therefore, what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed?
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus our Lord.
- If you're not his slave, you're a slave of unrighteousness and controlled by that, and the end result of that is death.
- The wicked who have engaged in other things today are not better off.

5 Let It Go

Psalm 84:10; 2 Corinthians 1:12

- If we reject God's rules, we're not free. We're just enshackled to something inferior.
- If we would apply it to the putting away of evil in our lives, letting it go.
- Be firm in your choice to serve the Lord. I'm never going back. The past is the past.
- I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- Come clean and live a transparent life before God and before men.

THE CHALLENGE

Why would you waste away in sin any longer?

MY NOTES