

Do not Hide from God, but be Hidden in the LORD

Main Point: God's people should readily confess their sins and rejoice in their forgiveness

1. **Proposition** (1-2): David asserts that forgiven people are happy and blessed of God
 - a. These blessed people are not without sin
 - b. God does not count their sins against them
2. **Testimony** (3-5): David relates his personal example of misery under God's chastisement for unrepentant sin and relief upon his confession
 - a. Misery (3): David was miserable while living with unrepentant sin
 - b. Chastisement (4): God inflicts pain on David to bring correction
 - c. Confessions and forgiveness (5): David confesses his sin and is forgiven
3. **Instruction** (6-11): Based on the David's assertion (1-2) and evidence of his testimony (3-5), we should follow his pattern to confess our sin and rejoice in our forgiveness
 - a. Confess in prayer
 - i. **Who** (6): the godly, according to Romans 4
 - ii. **When** (6): We must confess when God may be found
 - iii. **How** (9, 8): It benefits us confess freely, without compulsion, taking instruction submissively
 - iv. **Why** (5, 7): We should confess our sins because they cannot be hidden. However, God forgives sin and hides you from destruction
 - b. Rejoice
 - i. **Who** (11, 10, 6): The righteous, the one that trusts, the godly, and upright in heart are the ones that should rejoice in the LORD
 - ii. **What** (11): The Godly should be glad, rejoice, and shout for joy
 - iii. **Why** (10): We should confess because we face a choice between "many sorrows" or "steadfast love"

Applications:

1. From the testimony: Correction is painful (4), so **stay out of sin**. Recall **1Cor 6:18** from last week: "Flee from immorality." Stay off the roof, go to war in season. (**2Sam 11**).
2. From the instructions (6-11):
 - a. **Confess** our sins to God and to one another, **forgiving as we have been forgiven**
 - i. Only sin, as defined by God's Word, necessitates confession. We must clearly differentiate between contrition and sympathy
 - ii. We should quickly confess, repent, and turn from our sins
 - iii. We must endeavor to forgive as freely as God forgives us
 - b. **Rejoice** and shout for joy for being hidden in the goodness of God's love
 - i. Be thankful to be among the 'godly' (6), trusting in the LORD
 - ii. Beware of the wicked philosophies that instruct you to hide your sin. Many are the sorrows (11).