

## Lesson 7 – Tuesday: If You, Lord, Should Mark Iniquities

1. If God kept score, treated us fairly, kept track of my sins.
  - a. God *does* keep track of sin.
  - b. **Malachi 3:2** - *“And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap.”*
  - c. **Revelation 6:17** - *For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*
  - d. **Isaiah 6:5** – *“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”*
2. WE FORGET
  - a. **Genesis 2:17** – *the day you eat of it ... / Romans 6:23 – *the wages of sin ... AND I ... HAVE SINNED**
  - b. The slightest deviation from God’s perfect plan means death
3. The Good News starts with the bad news
  - a. Psalm 130 should be our prayer
  - b. Psalm 25:7, 16-18 – sorrow for sin
  - c. HAVE YOU EVER SORROWED FOR SIN – yours? / mine? / ours?
    - NOT because of what sin has done to YOU, but what it has done to GOD?
    - If you should mark iniquities – if you should make ME bear the weight of my sin
    - Turn That Around – Lord, YOU *DID* mark my iniquities – SO that YOU would not miss one when you bore the weight of each one.
4. **Vs. 3** – *But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.*
  - a. As a loving parent, God says to us, “this is going to hurt ME - MORE than it hurts you.”
  - b. He must find ALL of my sin – NOT to punish me, BUT so that He can place on Himself.
    - **Isaiah 53:6** – *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
    - **2 Samuel 12:13** – *Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin.”*
    - Picture David breaking down in sobs – “I won’t die! If You, O Lord, marked my iniquity, I couldn’t stand. I was already sinking into the depths.”
  - c. Like a surgeon taking scans to find every part of the cancer that must be removed - “We will find it ALL”
    - **Psalm 139:23-24** - *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; <sup>24</sup>And see if there is any wicked way in me” (FIND IT ALL)*
5. **THEN WE CAN SING THIS SONG** – **Psalm 32:1-5** –
6. **Vs. 5-6** – Hope is placed parallel to Wait
  - a. What is hope? We say “hope” when we mean “wish” or “desire” when there is an UNCERTAIN future result – “I hope it’s sunny tomorrow” // That kind of hope is personal optimism and unfulfilled longing
  - b. Hope, Biblically, is settled and joyful confidence in what God has done and will do
  - c. The answer and assurance may not come as quickly as you would like. There may be a long night of sorrowing repentance, pleading, tears
7. **Vs. 7-8** – *O Israel [all of us now!], hope in the LORD; [why wait around? Come see what I’ve found!] For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. <sup>8</sup> And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*