

THE BOOK OF
PSALMS

The happiness of the godly

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and he shall be called of the Lord,
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Praise



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against you, that ye may not come from
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that hate thee, how are they increased
that rise up against thee, how many
are they that say, We will not see
thee, we will not see thee, we will not
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“Penitential” Psalms

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- 32** *How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven (1a).*
- 38** *My iniquities are gone over my head (4a).*
- 51** *Against You, You only, I have sinned. . . (4a).*
- 102** *Because of Your indignation and Your wrath,
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- 130** *If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
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Communal “Acknowledgement” Psalms

- 79** *Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us; . . . And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name’s sake (8a; 9b).*
- 90** *You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence (8).*
- 103** *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities (10).*

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Additional Individ. “Acknowledgement” Psalms

19 *Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins... (12-13a).*

39 *Deliver me from all my transgressions (8a).*

40 *My iniquities have overtaken me (12b).*

41 *Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You (4b).*

65 *Iniquities prevail against me (3a).*

69 *My wrongs are not hidden from You (5b).*

86 *You, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive (5a).*

Additional Individ. “Acknowledgement” Psalms

25 *Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions (7a).*

Pardon my iniquity for it is great (11b).

Forgive all my sins (18b).

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Your anger. . . Your wrath (6:1)

My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; they are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me (40:12).

Remove Your plague from me; because of the opposition of Your hand I am perishing. With reproofs you chasten a man for iniquity; You consume as a moth what is precious to him (39:10-11).

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! . . .

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You,

That You may be feared (130:1, 2a, 3-4).

Give ear to my supplications! . . .

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

For in Your sight no man living is righteous (143:1b, 2).



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for a New Testament
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**--in their wording?
--in their moods?**

I am full of anxiety because of my sin (38:18b).

With reproofs You chasten a man for iniquity. . .

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

Do not be silent at my tears. . .

*Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again
(39:11a, 12:a-b, 13a).*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and a contrite heart, O God,

You will not despise (51:17).



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Answers: Romans 4:6-8



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--Whose words and feelings are those of an entirely justified, forgiven believer.



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--J. C. Ryle, *Knots United*



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Psalm 6:8-9

Psalm 32:1-2

Psalm 32:5-6

Psalm 51:12-13

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