

**The Truly Happy Person**  
**The Blessings of Forgiveness**  
**Psalm 32**

Introduction

A. The truly happy person is the one who is forgiven [1-2]

1. **Blessed** (*ashar*): Two Hebrew words can be translated as “Blessed.” *Barak* is used by God when He blesses us. The word used here is *ashar*. It is never used by God. Thus, it can be translated as “How joyful” (HCSB) or “Truly happy.”
2. **Transgressions** (*pesha*): “rebellious acts” (NET), is a deliberate act (conscious, willful, and intentional) of disloyalty and disobedience (e.g., Genesis 50:17).
3. **Sin** (*hata*): “sin” (NASB, ESV, HCSB, NET), “sins” (NIV), sin is missing a standard or mark or moving from the right path (e.g., Romans 3:23).
4. **Iniquity/Guilt** (*awon*): “sin” (NIV, HCSB), “wrongdoing” (NET) means to deviate from the standard because we have twisted the standard.
5. **No deceit**

B. When I tried to cover my sin, I suffered [3-4]

C. When I uncovered my sin, the LORD covered it [5]

D. So, come and join me as a forgiven sinner [6-7]

E. Listen to God and be truly happy [8-11]

Conclusion