

# Barrier of Silence

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## I. Introduction.

- A. God wants to bless us, but there are many barriers that get in the way.
- B. We are often our own barrier.
- C. Text: Psalm 32.
- D. *Selah* means to pause and think about something.
- E. Conviction, confession and consecration is the development of the Christian life.
- F. The Christian life should be a blessing and attractive to other people.

## II. The *selah* of conviction.

- A. Transgression, sin and iniquity are the trinity of sin. (Exodus 43)
  - 1. Sin is what you have not done.
  - 2. Transgression is what one has done.
  - 3. Iniquity is the fallen nature.
- B. God offers forgiveness if we acknowledge, repent and turn from our sin—we must acknowledge God. His convicting hand presses on us to realize our need.

## III. The *selah* of confession.

- A. If we let Jesus knock too long without coming in, he may simply go away.
- B. God wants to set free even the believer from transgressions that keep him or her from blessing. We must stop rationalizing our sin.

## IV. The *selah* of consecration.

- A. God wants us to have a deep appreciation for his holiness. (Psalm 23)
- B. God forsook Jesus because he is holy—Jesus became our sin bearer.
- C. When we experience the holiness of God, we will have a real sense of who we are.
- D. God is waiting and ready to forgive us.
- E. We must get horizontally right with men and vertically right with God.
- F. God becomes your hiding place when we confess.

**Application questions:**

1. How is silence a barrier to blessing?

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2. What is conviction and why is it necessary to break the sound “barrier?”

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3. Make a list of relationships you need to make right by confession. How can you go about restoring those relationships in a wise way?

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