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Blessed Forgiveness



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Through the Psalms
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> Blessed is he
> whose transgressions are forgiven,
> whose sins are covered.
> Blessed is the man
> whose sin the LORD does not count against him
> and in whose spirit is no deceit.
> (Psalm 32:1–2)

In the original Hebrew, the opening word of each of these verses, "blessed," is in the plural. We might render it: "Oh, the blessednesses of the man . . . !" Yet all these multiplied "blessednesses" are available to every one of us. No one is excluded. Do you realize why? Because there is not one of us who has not sinned. Here is a divine paradox: it is the very fact that we have sinned that opens up for us all these "blessednesses."

There are three things that David says God will do for us. First, He will forgive our transgressions; He will release us from all guilt. Second, He will cover our sins; He will expunge from the record every sin we have ever committed. Third, He will not count our sin against us; every debt we have incurred by our sin will be canceled. We will be free to make a totally new start, just as though we had never committed a single sin.

In return, God imposes only one condition – a condition indicated by the final phrase: "in whose spirit is no deceit." God does require sincerity, honesty, openness. We dare not put on a religious act; we dare not try to cover up or excuse. Simply and sincerely we acknowledge that we have sinned and deserve God's judgment. But we turn from our sin, we confess it – and God forgives!

Oh, let us cultivate the habit of being honest with God!

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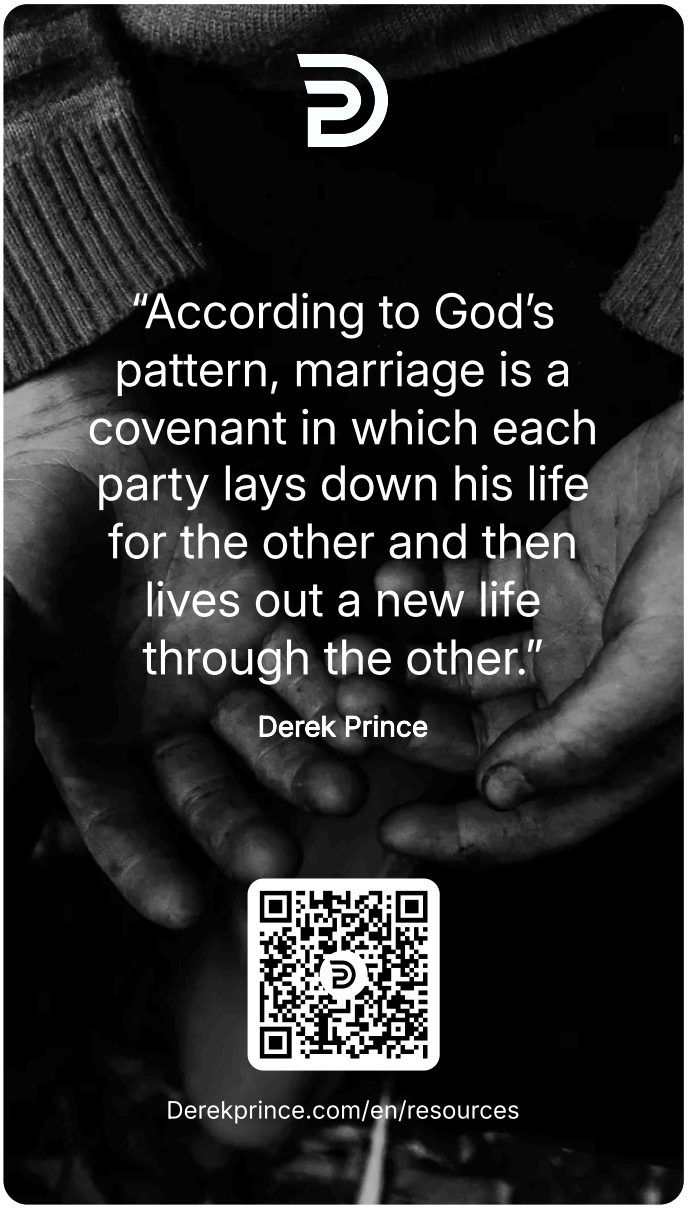

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