

WHEN GOD FORGIVES

(Psalm 103:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

We stand in need of God's forgiveness: (Romans 3:10, v23)

Sin defined: "to miss the mark or target"

(James 2:9; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4; 1 John 5:17)

WHAT DOES GOD DO WITH OUR SINS?

1. (Psalm 32:1) "Blessed is he whose **transgression is forgiven** ... "
(Psalm 103:2-3; Jeremiah 31:34)
2. (Psalm 32:1) "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose **sin is covered**" (Psalm 85:2)
3. (Psalm 25:11) "For thy name's sake, O Lord, **pardon my iniquity**; for it is great"
4. (Psalm 103:12) "As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he **removed my transgression from me**" - How far is that?
5. (Job 14:17) "My **transgression is sealed up in a bag**, and thou sewest up mine iniquity"
That's better than a double-lock, zip-lock, baggie.
6. (Isaiah 38:17) "... but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption:
for thou hast **cast all my sins behind thy back**" - God cannot see them any more.
7. (Isaiah 43:25) "I, even I, am he that **blots out thy transgressions** for mine own sake,
and will not remember thy sins" (also Psalm 51:9; Acts 3:19)
8. (Isaiah 43:25) "... and will **not remember thy sins**"
(Heb. 8:12; Heb. 10:17; Jeremiah 31:34)
9. (Micah 7:18-19) "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity ... and thou
will **cast all their sins into the depths of the sea**" - they are gone.
10. (Matthew 26:28) "For this is my blood of the new testament,
which is shed for many for **the remission of sins**" (Acts 2:38) "remission of sins"

OBTAINING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Bible story (Rms. 10:13-14; Matt. 7:24-27); Believe it (John 8:24);
Repent (Luke 13:3); Confess your faith (Rms. 10:9); Be baptized (Mark 16:16)