

📖 BIBLE READING COLUMN: Reflection on Psalm 32

Psalm 32 achieves no mean feat by alerting us—dramatically—to the seriousness of sin. Even though it is, in fact, the least aspect of the problem of sin, the psalm underlines the personal pity of it all. **Sin burdens, diminishes and blights the life of the sinner** (verses 3—4). It may not be felt but in fact it is like carrying around a sack of sand. Proverbs 7:23 says sexual promiscuity is the equivalent of being shot in the liver by an arrow! Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:18 teaches that the adulterer sins against his own body! Not, we might say, the common view, but exactly what Psalm 32 implies about David’s ‘roaring.’

Then at a deeper level is the alienation and hostility of God, whose hand goes out heavily against the sinner. We need to take this on board. David is writing as a believer and of a believer’s sins. The hurt done to our holy God alienates him, grieves his Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), and leaves us diminished—vitality turned to aridity. “Flee youthful lusts” counsels Paul (2 Timothy 2:22); “follow righteousness.”

What a relief, then, to note the miracle (no less) of repentance (Psalm 32:5). The sheer simplicity of it! “I let you know... you forgave.” Yes, even though he alone knows “the iniquity of my sin”—“my sin in iniquity!” See the same thought in Psalm 51:1-3—and the very incident recorded in 2 Samuel 12:13 (David said to Nathan, “I have sinner against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”). **This simplicity of dealing with sin by repentance is made possible by substitution.**

The principle of one standing in the place of another — substitution — goes back at least as far as Abraham: recall how, without instruction, he knew he could kill the ram “in the place of his son” (Genesis 22:13). The same principle pervades the **levitical sacrifices**—everywhere we read of the sinner laying his hand on the sacrifice (e.g., Leviticus 1:4). He is enacting on a personal level what the High Priest did nationally in Leviticus 16:21-22: transferring sin in all its penalties to another, appointing a substitute. **Isaiah foresaw that ultimately only a Person could be a true substitute for persons (Isaiah 53:4-6), foreshadowing Jesus, when**

In my place, condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon his blood.

In this way (Psalm 32:1), sin is “covered”—not by being hidden out of sight, but as a debt is “covered” by the price which pays for it. Wonder of all wonders, my sin is no longer put to my account, but is “imputed” (Psalm 32:2) to Another. Jesus paid the price for my sin in full. Praise God. And thank you, Jesus.

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule:

Monday: Psalm 34	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday: Psalm 37	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday: Psalm 35	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday: Psalm 38	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday: Psalm 36	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday: Psalm 39	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sunday, April 8th, 2018 - Mississauga Campus

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP	
<i>“The Third Hour” Prayer</i>	<i>Please join us for prayer together from 9:15-9:25am</i>
Call to Worship*	Pastor Charles Baik
Songs of Praise* & Prayer	Lamb of God Unchanging
Tithes & Offering*	‘Till I See
Congregational Prayer*	Steve Lee
Scripture Reading*	Genesis 20:1-18
Sermon	Adventuring with God (10): God on Our Side in Our Failures Pastor Charles Lee
Response Song & Prayer	He will Hold Me Fast
Announcements	Pastor Charles Baik
Benediction*	Pastor Charles Lee
Fellowship	<i>Please join us in the fellowship hall for snacks</i>
*If you are able, please stand.	

📖 NEW TO NEW HOPE?

Welcome! New Hope is a tri-campus church located in Mississauga, Downtown, and Uptown Toronto that celebrates the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a church that moves with a *Gospel-Centered, Missional Spirituality*. We encourage all our visitors to consider the following:

- Filling out the **CONNECTION CARD** found at the Welcome Desk
- Joining us in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** after service (**@New Vine table**)
- Attending **CONNECTION POINT** (Sunday, April 29th, 11AM-12PM)
- Following us on **FACEBOOK** (facebook.com/newhopemississauga)
- Visiting our **WEBSITE** (newhopefellowship.ca/mississauga)
- Signing up for **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES** (newhopefellowship.ca/mississauga/news/winter-2018-discipleship-classes)

📖 OFFERING TOTALS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2018

Campus	Tithe	Other	Total Offering
Mississauga:	\$21,211	\$500	\$21,711
Downtown:	\$6,074	\$160	\$6,234
Uptown:	\$4,296	\$500	\$4,796
NHF Total:	\$31,581	\$1,160	\$32,741

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📖 NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. DEACON NOMINATION:** Today, **immediately following service** all covenant members will be voting on the nomination of Erica Noh, James Lee, and Terry Lim. If you are a covenant member, please remain in the sanctuary after service. Continue to pray for the church as we vote, train and ordain deacons for all three campuses of New Hope Fellowship.
- 2. NHF SOFTBALL:** Summer softball registration is now open and we're looking forward to another great season of building the body of Christ through fun, fellowship, and intentionality. If interested in joining, please sign-up by **TODAY** with Andrew Chung at: andrew_chung@hotmail.ca.
- 3. THE STUDENT LOUNGE:** Due to exam time and other commitments, student lounge will be on pause this week. Please pray for the students as they study and prepare to take their finals.
- 4. FAITH 101:** Using *The New City Catechism*, this class will cover essential building blocks of the Christian faith via Q&A discussion format. The class takes place over **six Sundays**, April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27 from **11:30AM-12:55PM** in the **EM Office (room #310)**. To register, please contact Pastor Charles Baik at charles.baik@newhopefellowship.ca.
- 5. JESUS, SEXUALITY AND THE GOOD NEWS CONFERENCE:** Given the current climate and conversation around same-sex attraction and the gospel, there is a timely conference on Saturday, April 14th with Sam Allberry at West Highland Baptist Church in Hamilton from 9am – 4pm. Sam (author of *Is God anti-gay?*) is a same-sex attracted Anglican pastor who speaks on behalf of Ravi Zacharias ministries and The Gospel Coalition. If interested in attending, please contact Pastor Charles Lee.

📖 ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. URBANA '18:** Urbana is a missions conference that takes place in St. Louis, Missouri, from **Dec 27-Jan 1** “for people to encounter God, experience his global church, enter into his call, and engage in community”. **Super early bird** registration is now open until **June 30th** at \$435 for students and \$535 for others. For group registration and subsidy info please contact Elaine Park.
- 2. SOUTHEAST ASIA MID/LONG-TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY:** We are looking for individuals with a heart to serve **mid/long-term** (minimum 1 year) working with our missionary partner. It will involve engaging with Unreached Unengaged People Groups (UUPG) in India, publishing resources and providing administrative support. For those interested, please contact OMC.
- 3. MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL:** Join us for weekly volleyball on Mondays from **7-9:30PM** at our Mississauga campus! It is open to all skill levels, so come out for a time of physical activity and fellowship! If you would like to learn to how to play or learn more, contact Sunny Kim at sunnykim93@gmail.com.
- 4. FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE (FNL):** Join us at **7:30PM** in **room #310** for a time of prayer, reflecting on God’s Word, and fellowship. Contact Pastor Jason Yuh if you have any questions.
- 5. SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER:** Join us at **8AM** in the **New Hope Chapel** for a time of prayer, seeking the face of God, together in community!
- 6. PRAYER REQUEST FORMS:** For those of you who need specific prayers, you can contact the pastoral team or drop off your prayer request forms on the way out of service in the prayer box at the desk by the main doors.