



Week 20

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MAY 20-26 READ:

Ps 32; 51; 86; 122 • 2 Sa 13-15 • Ps 3-4; 12-13; 28; 55
2 Sa 16-18 • Ps 26; 40; 58; 61-62; 64
2 Sa 19-21 • Ps 5; 38; 41-42

DEVOTIONAL

298, 299, 300!

My son and I were privileged to be at Nationals Park on the perfect baseball evening of September 25, 2018. During the seventh inning of his thirty-third start, Max Scherzer struck out 10 Marlins over 7 innings to reach 300 strikeouts on the season. In doing so, the Nationals ace became the seventeenth pitcher since 1900 to reach the 300-K mark in a season. Smiling, happy faces glowed and the stadium erupted as that final strike was called!

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 32:1

Blessed is he whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

While dominating pitching performances make baseball fans happy, the Bible tells us of a far deeper, longer-lasting and more meaningful happiness available to believers. Psalm 32:1-2 says, "Blessed (happy) is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him..."

The word translated **blessed** also means happy. Believer, remembering that your sins are forgiven and covered should make you happy. Remembering that God does not count your sins against you should lift your spirits and put

a smile on your face. How it must grieve God to see his children downcast and despondent. Child of God, every sin you have ever committed and every sin you will commit in the future is forgiven and covered. Praise the name of Jesus!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Do you desire deeper happiness enough to go through the potential pain of sin confession?

Take time right now to repent!