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YOU CAN ENJOY FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS

By realizing three truths about sin:

I. A <u>PRISON</u> AWAITS YOU WHEN YOU ARE <u>SILENT</u> ABOUT YOUR <u>SIN</u>

(v. 3-4) (The <u>Misery</u> of the man who <u>covers</u> his sin)

- A. IN THE PRISON CELL OF SIN, THERE IS PHYSICAL MISERY (v. 3)
- B. IN THE PRISON CELL OF SIN, THERE IS **EMOTIONAL** MISERY (v. 4)

II. A <u>PARDON</u> AWAITS YOU WHEN YOU ARE <u>OPEN</u> ABOUT YOUR SIN

(v. 5) (The <u>Forgiveness</u> of the man who <u>confesses</u> his sin)

- A. TAKE <u>PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY</u> FOR YOUR SIN (*Take the <u>blame</u>*)
- B. DEAL WITH YOUR SINS <u>ONE BY ONE</u> (Be <u>specific</u>)
- C. <u>CALL IT</u> WHAT IT IS (Don't <u>redefine</u> it, or use <u>euphemisms</u>)
- III. PLEASURE AWAITS YOU WHEN YOU ARE FREE FROM YOUR SIN

(**v. 1-2**) (The <u>Happiness</u> of the man who is <u>cleared</u> from his <u>sin</u>).

- A. YOUR SIN IS "OFF YOUR SHOULDERS"
- B. YOUR SIN IS "OUT OF SIGHT"

