



Sunday Morning, July 4, 2021 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

**Message Title: Set Free**

**Message Text:** Proverbs 18:13

### **Introduction:**

We live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We celebrate our national freedom today. A freedom that was won through sacrifice and set in place by those who feared God. It is wonderful to live a free nation! However, it is possible to enjoy and celebrate our nation's freedom and yet be in bondage ourselves to our own sin. We don't have to stay in bondage! Our amazing Heavenly Father provides us with a way to be set free. Today we will look at the choice we can make to be set free.

## **1. Choice #1: \_\_\_\_\_ my Sin**

*Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper...*

*1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

DEFINITION—COVERETH: to hide; to prevent something, including oneself, from being seen or discovered; *to coat*

DEFINITION—NOT PROSPER: to not thrive; make steady favorable progress or succeed.

*Matthew 5:23–24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

*Matthew 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

*Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

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*Psalm 32:3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old Through my roaring all the day long*

*Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me:*

*1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

*Numbers 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.*

*Psalm 32:4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:*

## 2. Choice #2: \_\_\_\_\_ my Sin

*Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*

NOTE: The Contrast in Choice

Covereth — Confess/Forsake

Not Prosper — Have Mercy

DEFINITION—CONFESSETH: to admit, acknowledge; to say the same thing as

*Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, And mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*

DEFINITION—FORSAKETH: to abandon; leave behind

*Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

DEFINITION—MERCY: to be shown compassion; to be shown kindness or forgiveness.

*1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Conclusion** — Is your heart and soul free and full of peace?

