

ADMIT, ADMITTED, ADMITTING, CONFESS, CONFESSED, CONFESSES, CONFESSETH, CONFESSING, CONFESSION, CONFESSIONS

When God asked Adam if he had eaten from the tree that God commanded him to not eat from, Adam did **admit** that he had eaten from it. However, he tried to blame it on Eve (for giving him the fruit) and on God (for giving him the woman who gave him the fruit).

- **Genesis 3:12:** "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

When God asked Eve what she had done, Eve did **admit** that she had eaten the forbidden fruit. However, she tried to place the blame on the serpent.

- **Genesis 3:13:** "And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

Cain refused to **confess** his sin to God. He wouldn't **admit** that he had killed his brother.

- **Genesis 4:9:** "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

Abram was forced to leave Egypt because he lied and claimed

that Sarai was his sister instead of **admitting** that she was his wife.

- **Genesis 12:20:** "And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had."

After Abraham got caught, he **admitted** to Abimelech that Sarah was his wife.

- **Genesis 20:12:** "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."

Abraham didn't want to **admit** to anyone in Canaan that Sarah was his wife. (That's why he kept lying about it.)

- **Genesis 20:13:** "And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother."

Abimelech said that Isaac should have **admitted** that Rebekah was his wife.

- **Genesis 26:10:** "And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us."

After Isaac **confessed** to Abimelech that Rebekah was his wife, the seed that he sowed in the land of the Philistines was

multiplied a hundredfold.

- **Genesis 26:12:** "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him."

When Jacob told Rebekah he was worried that he would get cursed if he was caught stealing Esau's blessing, Rebekah said the curse would be upon her, not him. (That was a lie. Once Jacob was discovered, all of the blame fell upon him. Rebekah didn't **confess** to her husband what she had done, and she didn't take any responsibility for what she commanded her son to do.)

- **Genesis 27:13:** "And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them."

Even though Jacob paid for both Rachel and Leah by working for Laban for 14 years, Laban refused to **admit** that Jacob had a right to either of them. Instead Laban insisted they were his and Jacob had no right to take them.

- **Genesis 31:26:** "And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?"

Jacob had a habit of hiding his fraud by saying it was a miracle from God. He claimed God had given him all of Laban's cattle, instead of **confessing** that he used deception to take them.

- **Genesis 31:42:** "Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely

thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight."

When Jacob asked Laban to show what goods he had stolen, Laban claimed ownership of literally *everything* Jacob possessed, including his wives and children. Laban refused to **admit** that Jacob had a rightful title to anything at all.

- **Genesis 31:43:** "And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?"

When Esau asked Jacob what the meaning was behind all the animals he had met, Jacob told him that he'd given them to Esau to find grace in his sight. (In other words, Jacob **admitted** they were intended to buy Esau's favor.)

- **Genesis 33:8:** "And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord."

When Jacob refused to be comforted because he thought Joseph had been killed, his sons could have **confessed** the truth at any time. Instead they continued to lie about it for *years*, knowing it was causing their father tremendous grief.

- **Genesis 37:35:** "And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son

mourning. Thus his father wept for him."

When Tamar produced Judah's signet and bracelets and staff, he **admitted** that they belonged to him.

- **Genesis 38:26:** "And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more."

It seems that at no point did Potiphar's wife ever repent of what she did, or **confess** that she lied. Instead Joseph remained in prison until Pharaoh freed him.

- **Genesis 39:20:** "And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison."

When Joseph told his brothers that Benjamin would become his servant and the rest could return home, Judah inadvertently **admitted** to Joseph that they had lied to their father about what happened to him.

- **Genesis 44:28:** "And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:"

When Moses confronted Aaron over his sin of making the golden calf, Aaron inadvertently **confessed** that the Israelites didn't force him to make the idol. Instead they simply asked him to do it and he was happy to make it for them.

- **Exodus 32:23:** "For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man

that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him."

It can be a sin to know or witness something and then refuse to **admit** what you know.

- **Leviticus 5:1:** "And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity."

God requires people to **confess** sins they committed in ignorance, once they've realized they sinned.

- **Leviticus 5:5:** "And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:"

After Aaron chose the scapegoat and cleansed the holy place and the tabernacle and the altar of burnt offering, he was to put all the sins of the Israelites upon the scapegoat. He did this by putting both his hands on the head of the goat and **confessing** the sins of the nation.

- **Leviticus 16:21:** "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:"

Under the Mosaic Law, God said that He would forgive the

Israelites if they **confessed** that they had walked contrary to Him. (In other words, true repentance involves **confessing** your sins to God.)

- **Leviticus 26:40:** "If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;"

Under the Mosaic Law, if someone sinned they were required to **confess** their sin.

- **Numbers 5:7:** "Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed."

Rahab **admitted** that the spies came to her house.

- **Joshua 2:4:** "And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:"

Achan's **confession** gave glory to God. The Lord said that He would point out the person who had stolen the cursed item from Jericho, and He did.

- **Joshua 7:19:** "And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me."

When Achan **confessed** his sin, he told the truth about what he had done and where he had hidden the items that he had stolen from Jericho.

- **Joshua 7:22:** "So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it."

When the Israelites went too far in punishing the Benjamites and carried out a campaign of genocide that nearly wiped out the entire tribe, they didn't take responsibility for what they had done or **confess** their sin and repent. Instead they acted as if some strange disaster had happened that they had nothing to do with.

- **Judges 21:3:** "And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?"

The pagan priests and diviners of the Philistines would only **admit** that God was responsible for all the disasters that had fallen upon the Philistines if cows took the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel on their own, without a driver. Yet the truth is that God was indeed responsible for all the things that happened, regardless of how He chose to treat their incredibly stupid way of transporting the Ark back to Israel.

- **1 Samuel 6:9:** "And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us."

When the Israelites went to Mizpeh, they **confessed** that they had sinned against God.

- **1 Samuel 7:6:** "And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh."

When God raised up enemies against Israel, the Israelites **confessed** that they had forsaken God and served Baalim and Ashtaroth.

- **1 Samuel 12:10:** "And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee."

After God sent thunder and rain during the time of the wheat harvest, the Israelites **confessed** that it was evil for them to ask for a king.

- **1 Samuel 12:17-19:** "Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king."

When Saul looked for the person among them who had sinned and caused God to not answer them, no one spoke up and **confessed** who it was.

- **1 Samuel 14:39:** "For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him."

When Saul saw that the lot fell to Jonathan, he told Jonathan to **confess** what he had done.

- **1 Samuel 14:43:** "Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die."

When Jonathan **confessed** that he had eaten honey, Saul said that Jonathan would surely die. Saul was unwilling to show him any mercy for breaking the command of Saul that no one told him about.

- **1 Samuel 14:44:** "And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan."

Saul did **admit** that the things he kept after fighting the Amalekites should have been destroyed. However, he refused to take any responsibility and blamed it on the people.

- **1 Samuel 15:21:** "But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal."

Saul only **admitted** he sinned after God told him that He had taken the kingdom of Israel from him, and rejected him from being king. However, he still put the blame on the Israelites and he lied about his motives. Even his confession of guilt included lies.

- **1 Samuel 15:24:** "And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice."

David never gave any credit to the fact that he had been anointed with oil, or that God had made him the anointed king of Israel. He stubbornly refused to acknowledge that, and would never **admit** that God had rejected Saul and given the kingdom to him instead. Until the day that Saul died, David acted as if Saul was the rightful king of Israel (even though he most certainly was not).

- **2 Samuel 1:16:** "And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed."

When David found out he had gotten Bathsheba pregnant, he didn't **confess** his sin. Instead he sent for Uriah so he could find a way to cover up his sin.

- **2 Samuel 11:5-6:** "And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David."

Uriah was in Jerusalem for three days. This means David had three days in which he could have **confessed** his sin and stopped his plan to cover up his adultery. However, he didn't.

- **2 Samuel 11:12:** "And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow."

David decided it would be better to murder Uriah (one of his faithful warriors) instead of **confessing** his adultery. (He was wrong.)

- **2 Samuel 11:15:** "And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die."

When God used Nathan to confront David over his sin Bathsheba, David **confessed** his sin. This set him apart from the other kings of Israel and Judah, who rejected God's correction.

- **2 Samuel 12:13:** "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die."

When God used Nathan to confront David over his sin Bathsheba, and David **confessed** his sin, Nathan told him that God had put away his sin. In other words, God had forgiven him.

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God spoke to Gad after David **confessed** his sin (of taking a census of Israel) and asked God to forgive it.

- **2 Samuel 24:11:** "For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,"
- **1 Chronicles 21:9:** "And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,"

Repentance includes turning to God, **confessing** His name, praying, and making supplication to Him.

- **1 Kings 8:33:** "When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:"

Those who repent must **confess** the name of God.

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- **1 Kings 8:35:** "When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:"
- **2 Chronicles 6:24:** "And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;"

- **2 Chronicles 6:26:** "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;"

Solomon addressed a situation where a disaster happened in Israel, and an Israelite prayed while **confessing** the evil that was in his own heart and seeking forgiveness for it. (If that happened, Solomon prayed that God would forgive the sin.)

- **1 Kings 8:37-38:** "If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:"

Repentance includes **confessing** one's sin to God.

- **1 Kings 8:47:** "Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;"
- **2 Chronicles 6:37:** "Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;"
- **Psalms 38:18:** "For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin."

When the temple was dedicated, Solomon mentioned a case where God caused the Israelites to be taken captive because of their sin, and while they were in captivity they **confessed** to God that they had done things that were perverse in the sight of God. (If that happened, Solomon prayed that God would forgive their sin.)

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Hazael didn't **confess** to Elisha that he was planning on murdering Benhadad.

- **2 Kings 8:11-12:** "And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child."

After David took a census of Israel, David **confessed** his sin and asked God to forgive him.

- **1 Chronicles 21:8:** "And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly."
- **1 Chronicles 21:17:** "And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued."

Repentance includes **confessing** that sin is wicked.

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During the second month of the first year of the reign of Hezekiah, the people made **confessions** to God throughout the seven day feast.

- **2 Chronicles 30:22:** "And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers."

Ezra **confessed** the sins of the Jews, even though he wasn't guilty of committing those sins. It seems he was interceding with God on behalf of the nation.

- **Ezra 10:1:** "Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore."

Ezra commanded the Jews to please God by **confessing** their sin and making this situation right.

- **Ezra 10:11:** "Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives."

Nehemiah **confessed** that both he and his father's house had sinned.

- **Nehemiah 1:6:** "Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned."

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After the Jews learned that their enemies wanted to attack them, Judah suddenly complained that there was too much rubble to finish the rebuilding effort. It's possible Judah was looking for an excuse to stop, without having to **admit** he was afraid.

- **Nehemiah 4:10:** "And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall."

In the days of Nehemiah, the Jews **confessed** the sins of their forefathers.

- **Nehemiah 9:2:** "And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers."

After the Jews heard the law of God read to them, they **confessed** their sins and worshiped the Lord.

- **Nehemiah 9:3:** "And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God."

When God confronted Satan with the fact that he was wrong

and Job hadn't cursed Him after losing everything, Satan didn't **admit** that he was wrong.

- **Job 2:3-4:** "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life."

Zophar wanted to make Job ashamed for saying the terrible things that happened to him weren't because he had sinned. He wanted to make Job **confess** to something and admit it was all his fault. (In reality, Job upright. The things that happened to him weren't a punishment for sin.)

- **Job 11:4:** "For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes."

Eliphaz **admitted** there were times when the wicked prospered and had many good things in their life.

- **Job 22:18:** "Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me."

Job refused to **admit** he had committed the terrible sins his friends had accused him of committing. (This is because he truly was innocent, and hadn't done those evil things).

- **Job 27:5:** "God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me."

Elihu said that God is looking for people to **confess** that that they had sinned.

- **Job 33:27:** "He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;"

When we keep silent about our sin and don't **confess** it to God, it harms us.

- **Psalm 32:3:** "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long."

God knows all about our sin before we **confess** it to Him. His hand is against those who sin and don't repent of it.

- **Psalm 32:4:** "For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah."

Forgiveness comes from **confessing** our sins to God.

- **Psalm 32:5:** "I acknowledge 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."

The floods of great waters won't overwhelm those who have **confessed** their sins to God and been forgiven.

- **Psalm 32:6:** "For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in

the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him."

We must **confess** our sin to God in a time when He may be found.

- **Psalm 32:6:** "For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him."

Although David **confessed** that he sinned, he didn't go into any detail about his sin. He didn't mention the fact that he was guilty of adultery and murder. Instead the only thing he said was that he had sinned.

- **Psalm 51:3:** "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

When we have guilt because of our sin, we should **confess** our sin to God, seek His forgiveness, and pray that He would give us joy again.

- **Psalm 51:12:** "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

Those who don't **confess** their sins won't be forgiven. God only shows mercy to those who repent and forsake their sins.

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

Hezekiah **confessed** that he was a sinner.

- **Isaiah 38:17:** "Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: 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."

One day everyone will bow down to God and will **confess** that He is Lord. This includes both the righteous and the wicked.

- **Isaiah 45:23:** "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."
- **Romans 14:11:** "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

God wanted the Israelite to **confess** their sins.

- **Jeremiah 3:13:** "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD."

The presidents and princes forced Darius to **admit** that he had signed a law requiring everyone in the kingdom to worship him alone.

- **Daniel 6:12:** "Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a

decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not."

Daniel **confessed** to the Lord.

- **Daniel 9:4:** "And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;"

Daniel **confessed** to God both his own sin and the sins of the people of Israel.

- **Daniel 9:20:** "And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;"

The Israelites **admitted** that God did exactly what He said He was going to do.

- **Zechariah 1:6:** "But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us."

Once this prophecy comes to pass, the false prophets will **admit** that they're not prophets at all. Instead they actually raise livestock, and have done so from their childhood.

- **Zechariah 13:5:** "But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth."

Once this prophecy comes to pass, when people ask false prophets where their scars came from, they will **admit** that they got those wounds from their friends. Their wounds didn't come from persecution and had no special meaning.

- **Zechariah 13:6:** "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

When John the Baptist baptized people in the Jordan river, they **confessed** their sins. (In other words, part of repentance includes **confessing** your sins.)

- **Matthew 3:6:** "And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."
- **Mark 1:5:** "And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins."

Those who repented, **confessed** their sins, and were baptized were fleeing from the wrath to come.

- **Matthew 3:7:** "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O

generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Although Jesus was baptized, there's no mention that He repented of any sins or **confessed** any sins. (This is because He was sinless.)

- **Matthew 3:13-15:** "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."
- **Mark 1:9:** "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan."

In order for us to be saved we must **confess** Jesus to others. If we do that then He will **confess** us before God the Father, and before the holy angels.

- **Matthew 10:32:** "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."
- **Luke 12:8:** "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:"
- **Revelation 3:5:** "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

Those who **confess** Jesus to others will be saved. Those who deny Him will *not* be saved.

- **Matthew 10:33:** "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

It's far better to **confess** Jesus before men and be killed, than to deny Him and perish and be sent to Hell. Those who **confess** Jesus and are martyred for Him will gain everlasting life.

- **Matthew 10:39:** "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Even the enemies of Jesus **admitted** that He had great wisdom and performed mighty works.

- **Matthew 13:54:** "And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?"
- **John 11:47:** "Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles."

There are times when wicked people don't want to **admit** that something is of God, because they know if they do they'll get in trouble for rejecting it.

- **Matthew 21:25:** "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will

say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?"

Part of the baptism process included the **confession** of sins.

- **Mark 1:5:** "And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins."

Genuine repentance involves **confessing** sin.

- **Luke 15:18:** "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,"

In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, the publican **confessed** that he was a sinner.

- **Luke 18:13:** "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

There are times when wicked people pretend that they aren't sure about something, when in reality they know the answer but don't want to publicly **admit** it.

- **Luke 20:5-7:** "And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was."

The spies who asked Jesus about paying tribute to Caesar **admitted** that the image and writing on the coin was Caesar's.

- **Luke 20:24:** "Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's."

After Peter denied Jesus for the third time, and Jesus turned and looked at him, Peter still didn't **admit** to the people that he was a follower of Jesus. Instead he left the palace and wept.

- **Luke 22:62:** "And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

John the Baptist **confessed** that he wasn't the Messiah.

- **John 1:20:** "And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ."

The Jews said they would cast out of the synagogue anyone who **confessed** that Jesus was the Messiah.

- **John 9:22:** "These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue."
- **John 12:42:** "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:"

The people who heard the voice of God didn't want to **admit** that it was God. They tried to claim it was something else,

even though they heard it with their own ears.

- **John 12:28-29:** "Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him."

When the Pharisees persecuted people for believing in Jesus, that persuaded some people to not **confess** that He was the Messiah. It filled people with fear and drove people away from Jesus.

- **John 12:42:** "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:"

The reason the chief rulers refused to **confess** Jesus was because they loved the praise of men, and valued that more than the praise of God. They loved their lives, and so they weren't saved.

- **John 12:43:** "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

John got Peter **admitted** to the palace of the high priest.

- **John 18:16:** "But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter."

At the trial of Peter and John, the religious leaders **admitted** that Peter had performed a genuine miracle.

- **Acts 4:16:** "Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it."

Even the Greek poets **admitted** that people are the creation of God and didn't make themselves.

- **Acts 17:28:** "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

The wicked depend on God in order to exist and remain alive (even if they don't know it or **admit** it).

- **Acts 17:28:** "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

When the people in Ephesus believed in the gospel, they publicly **confessed** their sins.

- **Acts 19:18:** "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds."

After the Christians at Ephesus publicly **confessed** their sins, they then publicly burned their magical books. Both their repentance was public and their demonstration of faith was also public.

- **Acts 19:19:** "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver."

When those who are slaves to sin do things they hate, they're **admitting** that the law is a good thing.

- **Romans 7:16:** "If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good."

We will be saved if we **confess** that Jesus is the Messiah, submit to Him as our Lord, believe that He died, and believe that God raised Him from the dead.

- **Romans 10:9:** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Salvation comes by **confessing** who Christ is and what He has done. In other words, in order to be saved we must both believe the gospel *and confess it*.

- **Romans 10:10:** "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

When everyone bows down to Jesus and **confesses** that He is Lord, God the Father will be glorified.

- **Philippians 2:10-11:** "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Those who don't continue in the faith aren't saved. Their previous **confession** won't save them. In order to be saved you must continue in the faith and not move away from it.

- **Colossians 1:21-23:** "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;"

Paul told Timothy to fight the good fight, and then pointed out the good **confession** that Jesus had made. The apostle was pointing out that Jesus was also persecuted and made a good profession.

- **1 Timothy 6:12-13:** "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;"

Christians should **confess** their faults to one another.

- **James 5:16:** "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual

fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

If we **confess** our sins then God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. However, if we refuse to admit that we've sinned then we won't be saved. *Salvation requires the **confession** of sins.*

- **1 John 1:9-10:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Those who abide in Jesus don't sin. (This seems to be talking about an unrepentant person who lives a life of sin and refuses to turn from it. The difference is between someone who **confesses** their sin and seeks to turn from it, versus someone who's unrepentant and unwilling to turn away from sin.)

- **1 John 3:6:** "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

All genuine Christians have **confessed** that Jesus is the Son of God. (Those who haven't aren't saved.)

- **1 John 4:15:** "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."