

I Must Confess



“He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion” (Prov. 28:13)

God Demands Honesty

Adam and Eve

"the Lord God called to the man and said to him, **"Where are you?"** And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I **hid myself.**" (Gen. 3:9-10)

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Moses

40 If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, ... if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and **they accept their guilt—**

42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember. (Leviticus 26:40–42)

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“They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers. They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.” (Neh. 9:2-3)

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“I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father’s house and I have sinned.” (Nehemiah 1:6)

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Scape-Goat

“put both his hands on the head of the living goat, and he will confess over it all the sins and crimes of Israel. In this way Aaron will put the people’s sins on the goat’s head. Then he will send the goat away into the desert, and a man who has been appointed will lead the goat away. So the goat will carry on itself all the people’s sins to a lonely place in the desert. The man who leads the goat will let it loose there.” (Lev. 16:21-22)

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The Lamb of God

Confess:

- 1) Speak openly the truth about God
- 2) Speak openly the truth about ourselves

**Confession is being courageous to
admit our imperfection**

Peter, a model of confession

He couldn't stay away!

He couldn't stay quiet!

The Lord Knows Our Sins

³³ The Lord looked down from heaven
my board was set every way through my groaning all day long.

⁴⁴ For day and night the watches
your hand was like a eye over me;

¹⁵ My strength was as in the heat of summer. Selah

⁵ Then did not know what they do.
and did not cover up my iniquity. (Psalm 33:13–15)

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD” —
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalm 32:3–5)

3 Phases of Confession

“Test me, O LORD, and try me,
examine my heart and my mind;” Psalm 26:2

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24

Examination

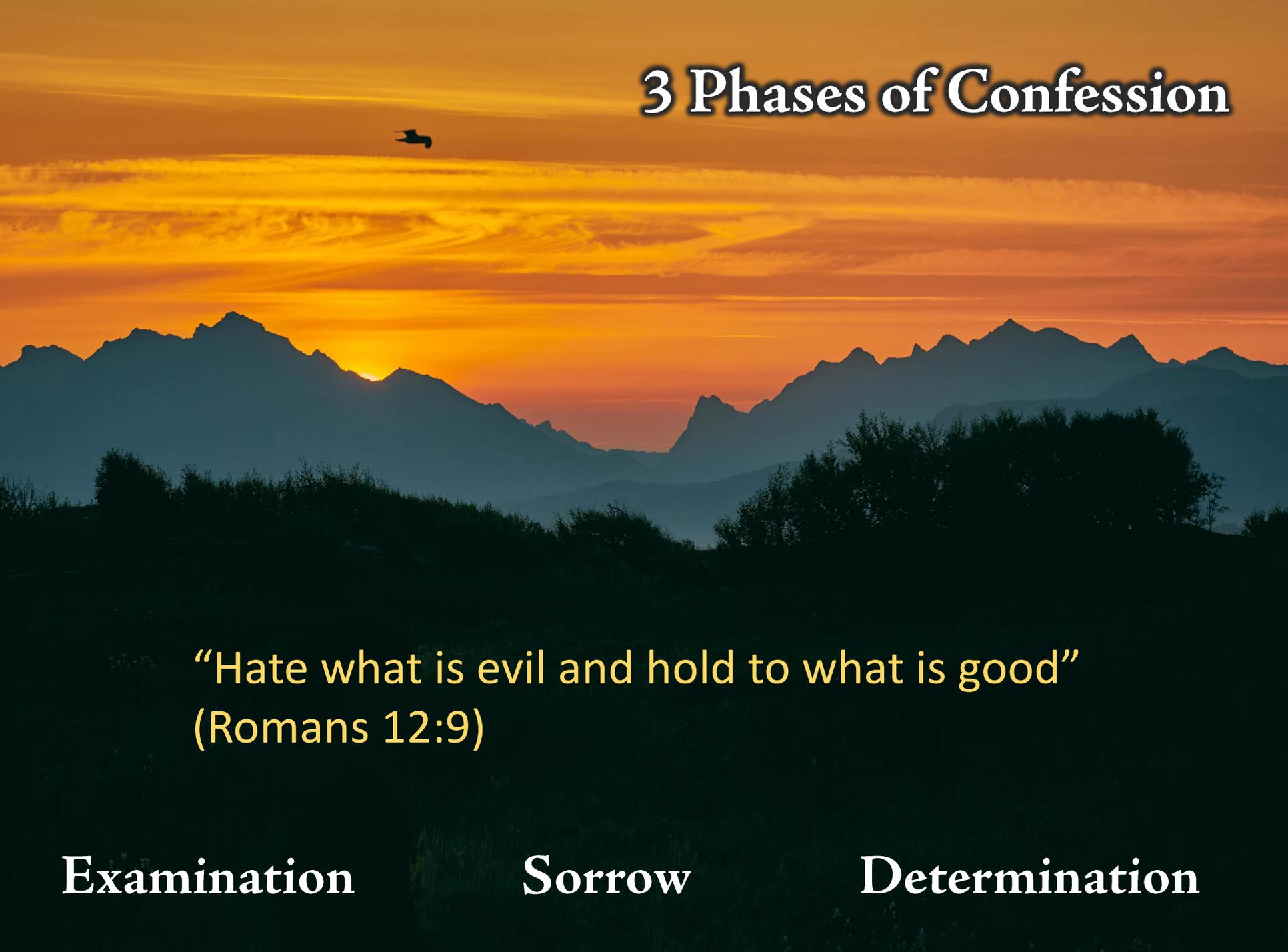
3 Phases of Confession

A sunset landscape with mountains and a bird in flight. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, with a single bird flying in the upper left. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. The foreground is dark, showing the silhouettes of trees and bushes.

Examination

Sorrow

3 Phases of Confession

A sunset over a mountain range with a bird in flight. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and red, with a single bird silhouetted against the bright light. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the sky. The foreground is dark and silhouetted.

“Hate what is evil and hold to what is good”
(Romans 12:9)

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Sorrow

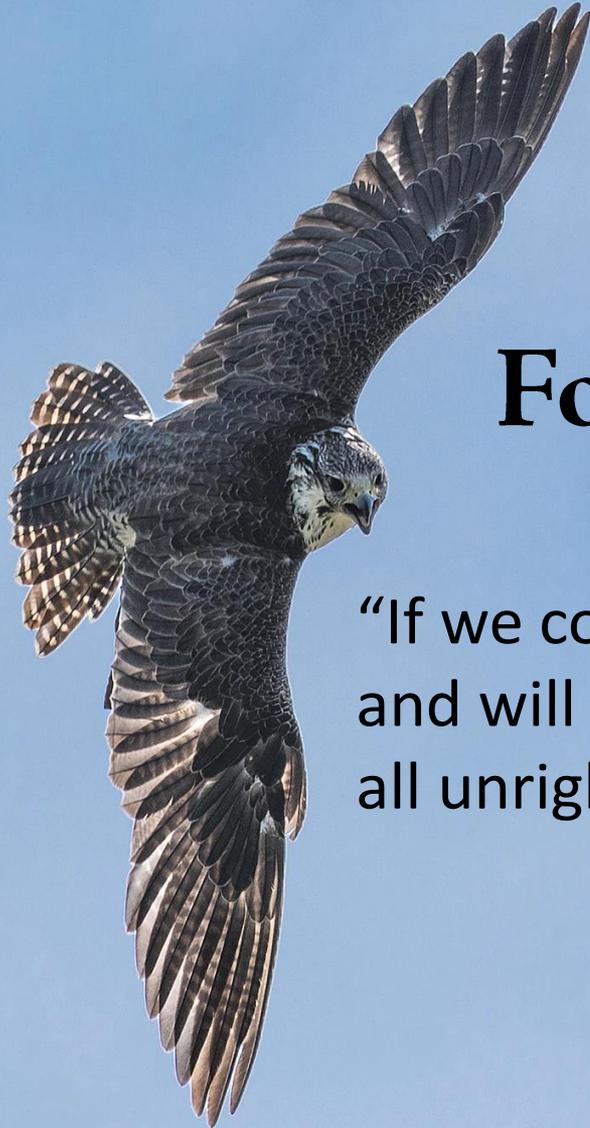
Determination

The Beautiful Results Of Confession



Acceptable Worship

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Forgiveness

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)