



Main point: We can trust the Lord to forgive our sins.

- 1 - Our sins never escape the Lord's notice.
- 2 - Our sins against other people are sins against the Lord.
- 3 - Our sins may bring unwanted consequences into our lives.

#1 :

Hebrew 4:12-13

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

#2 :

Psalm 33:13-15

The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

#3 :

“If any that fear God shall complain that, although they have a calling, yet it is a hard and laborious one, which takes up too much of their time which they would gladly employ in other and better work. I answer that it is likely that the wisdom of Providence foresaw this to be the most suitable and proper employment for you; and if you had more ease and rest, you might have more temptations than now you have. The strength and time which is now taken up in your daily labors, in which you serve God, might otherwise have been spent upon such lusts in which you might have served the devil.”

John Flavel
The Mystery of Providence

#4 :

Proverb 31:9

Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

#5 :

“An act of sin is like throwing a stone into a pond; repentance is like fetching the stone out again, retrieving the situation; but throwing the stone in and fetching it out create ripples, which spread and spread. Repentance in itself does not stop them rippling and spreading. Such, of course, is the infinite mercy of the Lord that very often (most times?) he not only blots out our offense when we repent, but also stems the tide of consequences. He has promised to forgive...but it is a separate decision of sovereign wisdom to what extent the consequences of our acts are allowed to have their way, or are stopped in their tracks.”

Alec Motyer

Treasures of the King: Psalms from the Life of David

#6 :

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

#7 :

Romans 3:25-26

whom God put (Christ) forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.