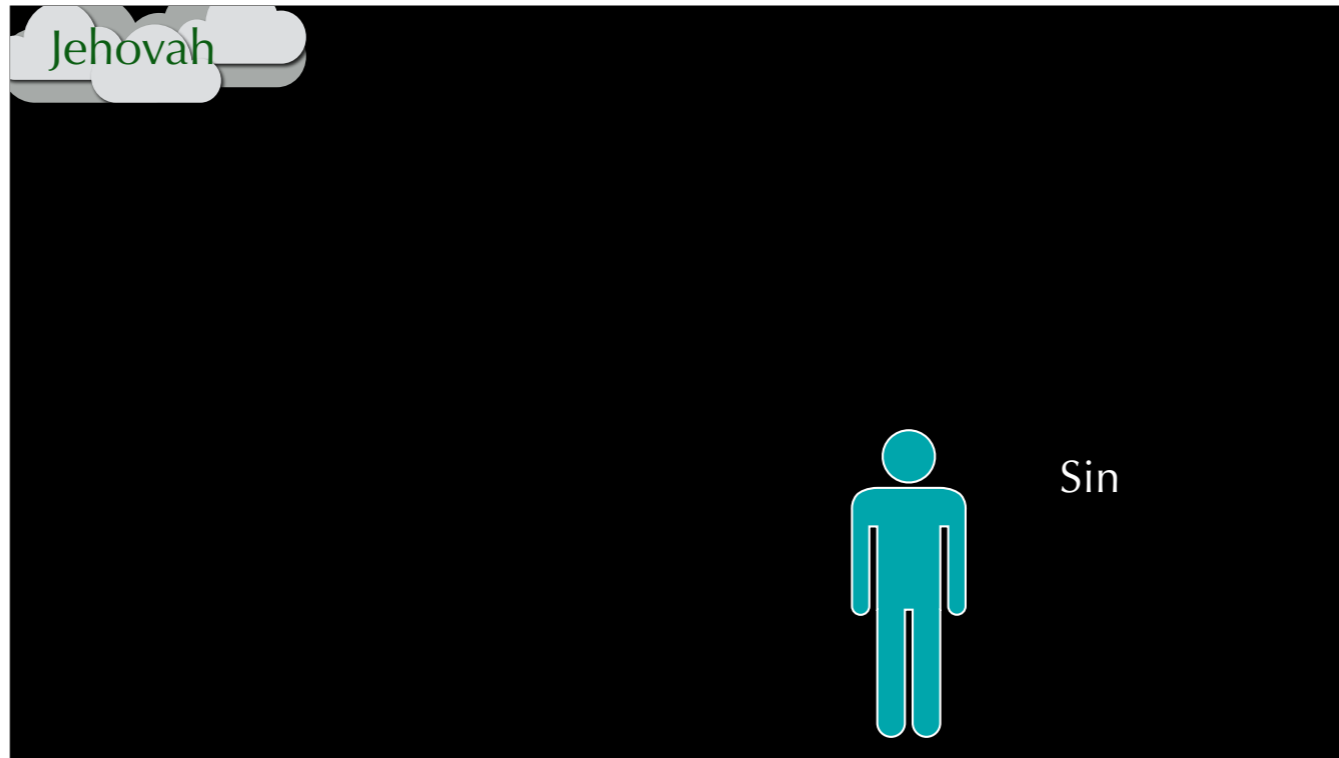
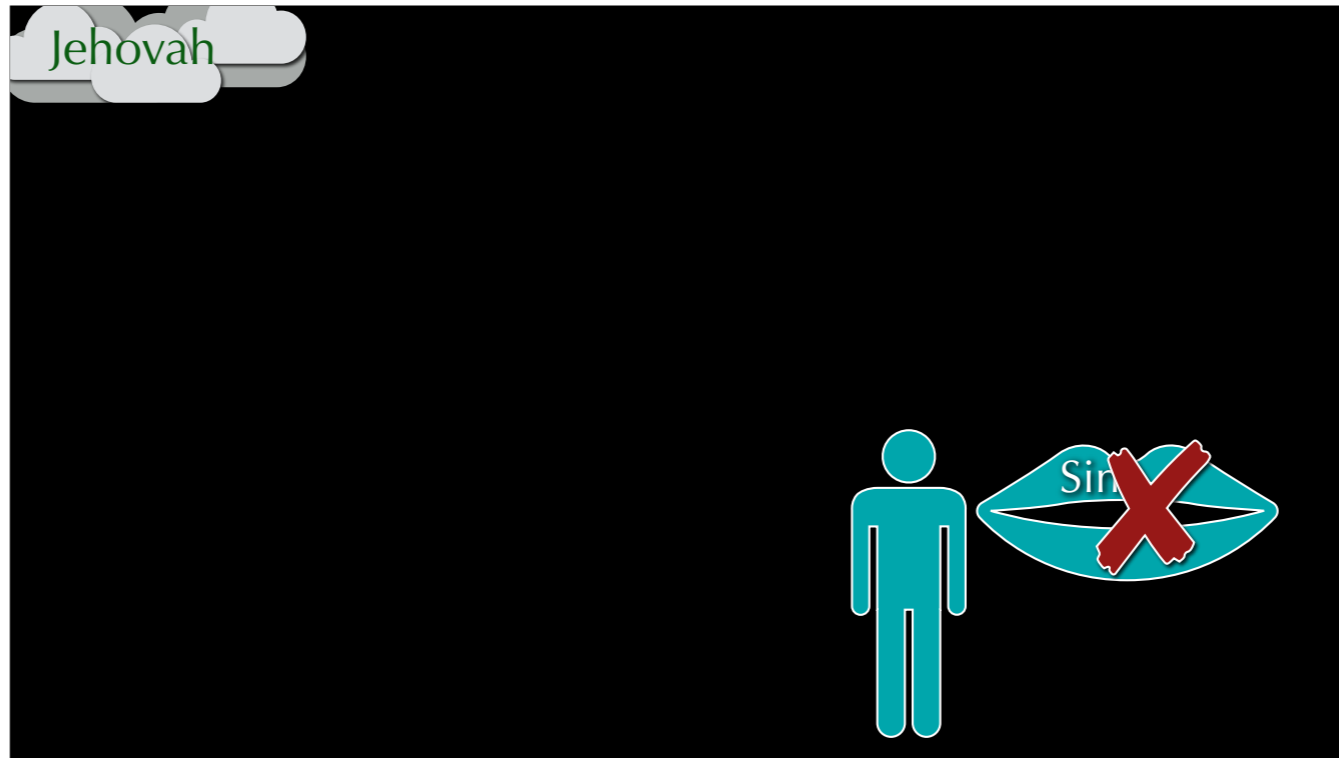




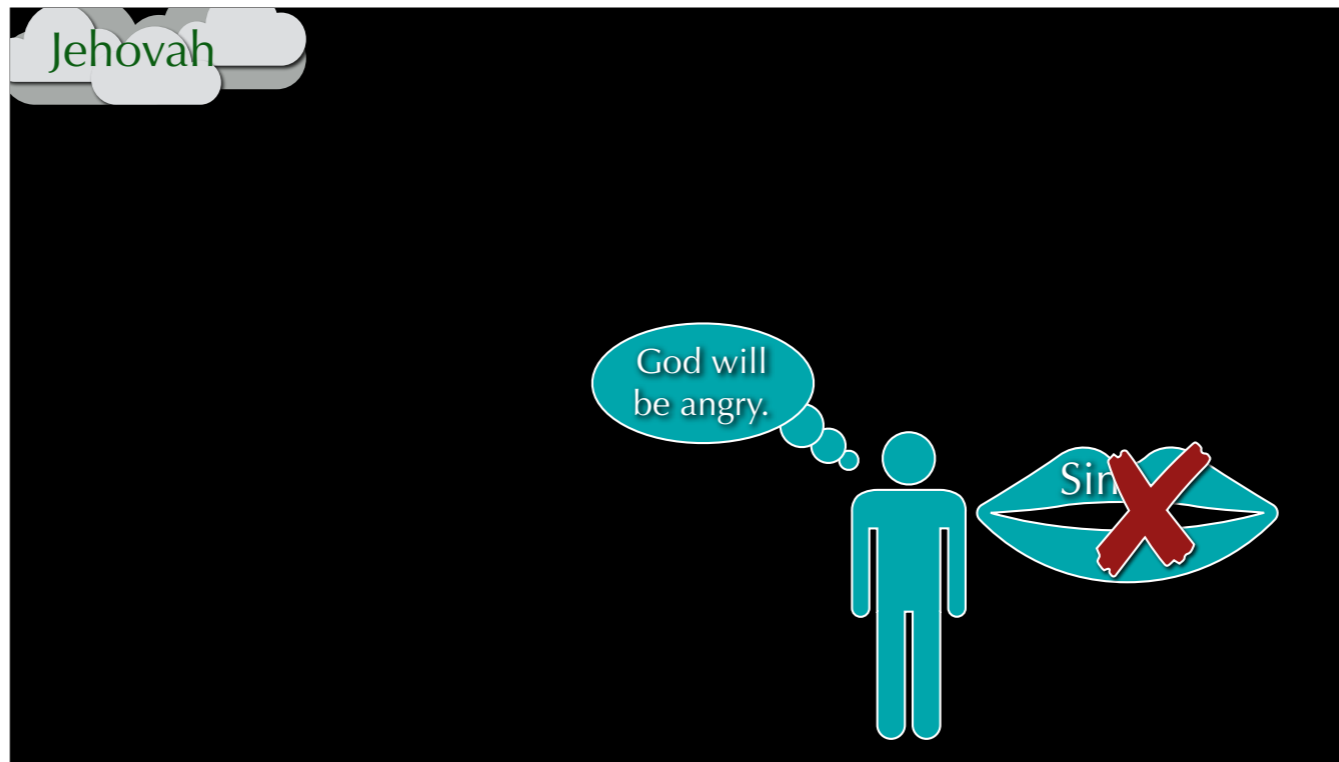
- Psalm 32



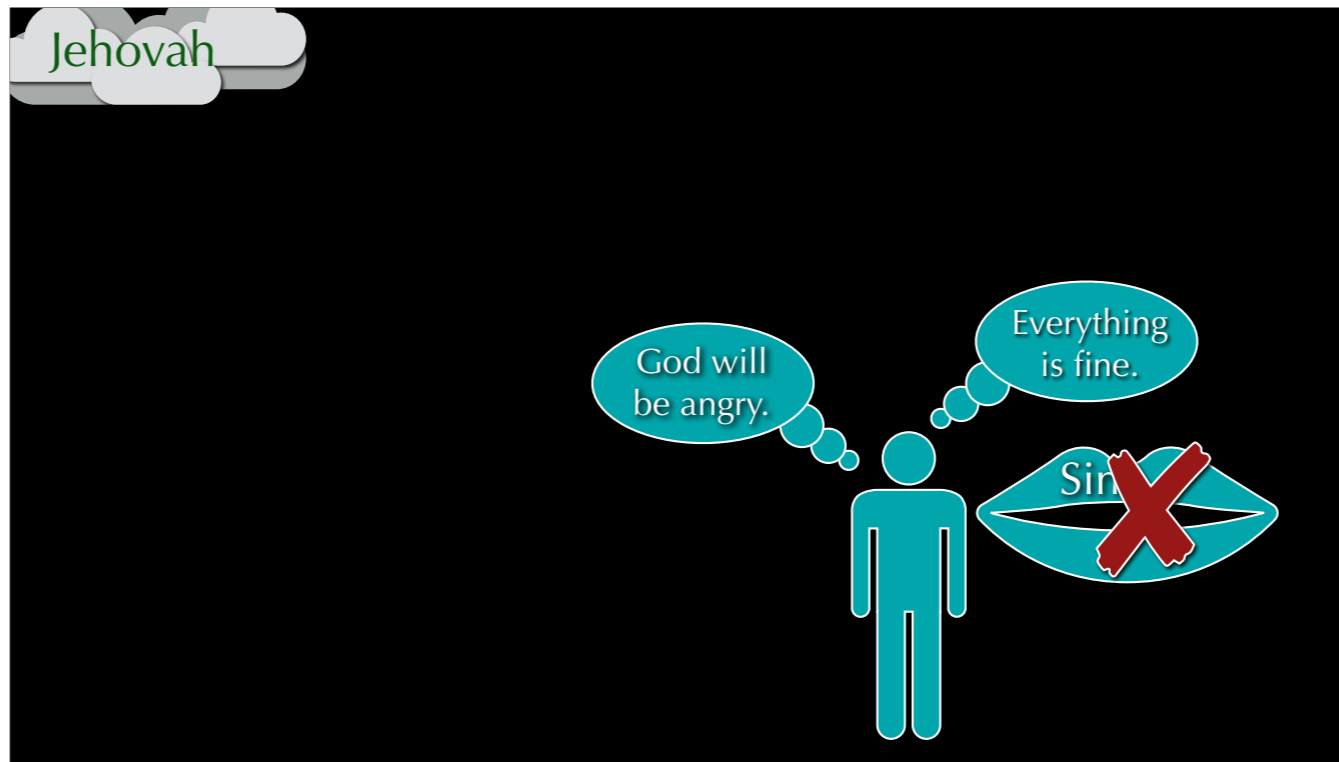
- David sinned.
  - Don't know which sin, which time.
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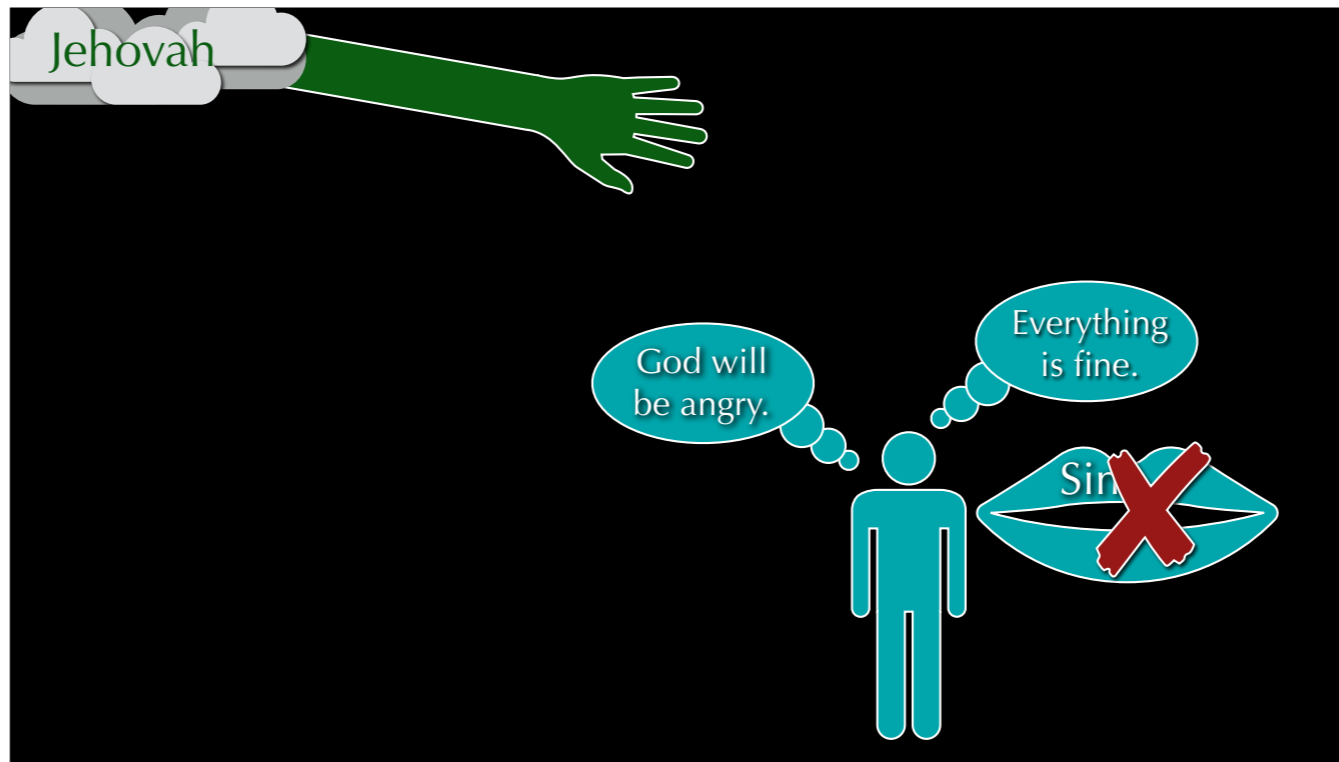
- David tries to hide his sin: from God and others.
- Deceit!



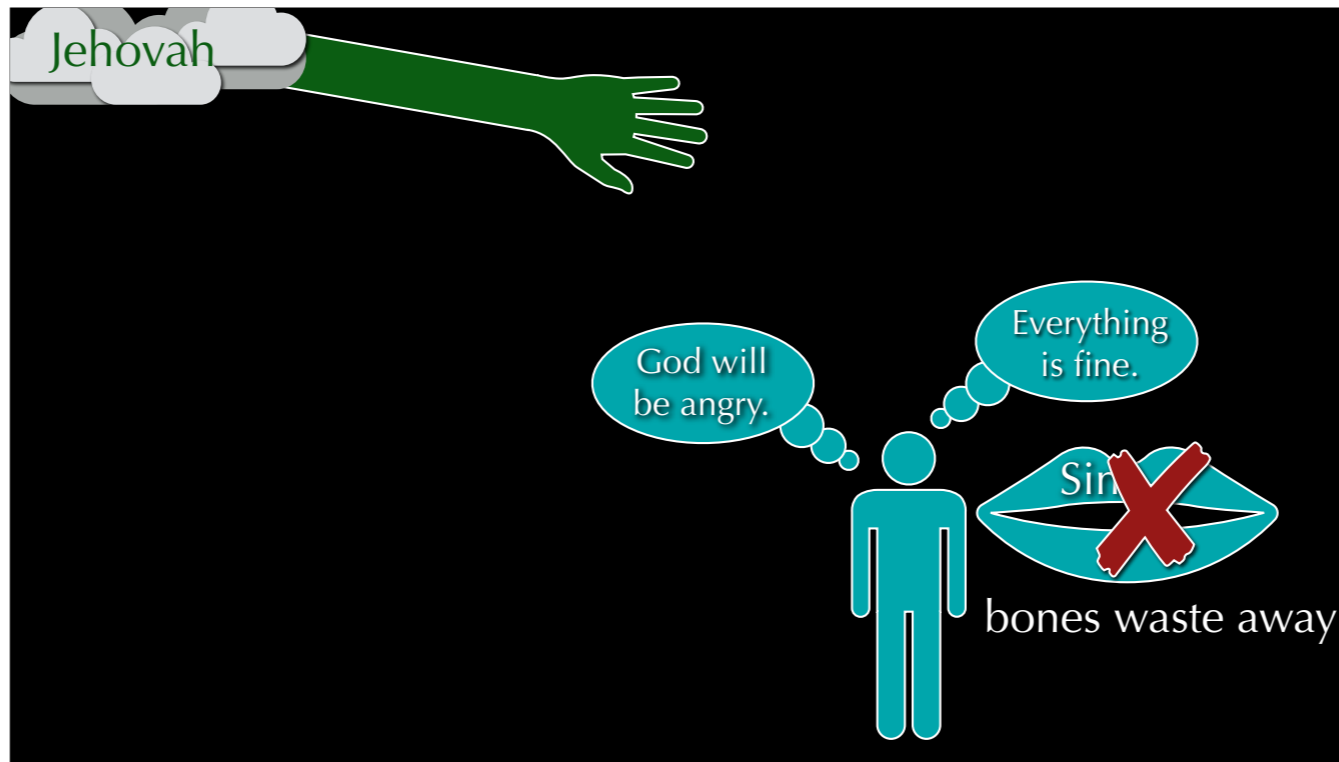
- Why hide the sin?
- What keeps us from dealing with our sins with God?
  - God is angry with me
    - And this can be true.
  - God will punish me
    - And this does happen.
  - Our own sense of shame, failure
    - God will be disappointed in me.



- David tries to live his life as if everything is normal.
- Acting as if the sin hasn't happened.



- But God didn't just ignore the sin that David thought was hidden
- Your hand was heavy upon me.



- Psalms 32:3 (ESV) 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.



- my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- even though he's trying to act as if everything is normal, he's suffering: emotionally, physically

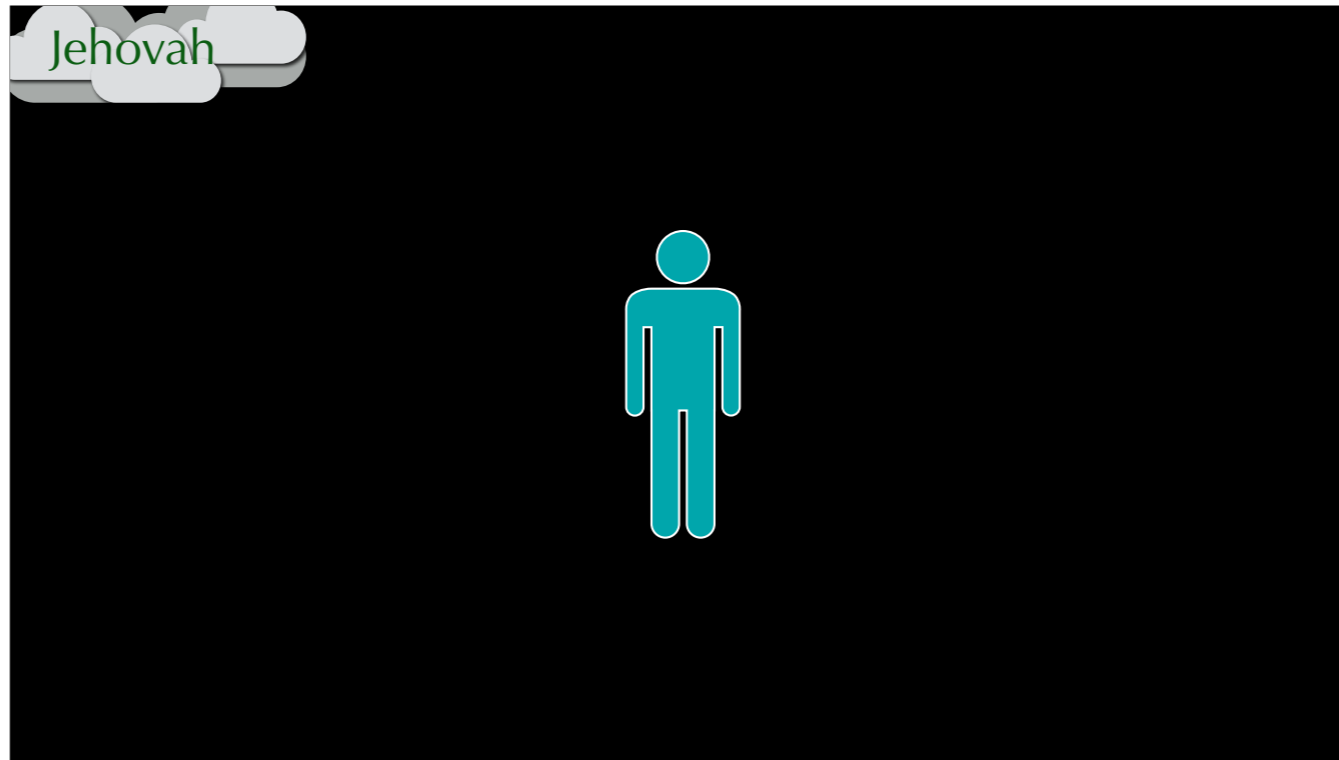




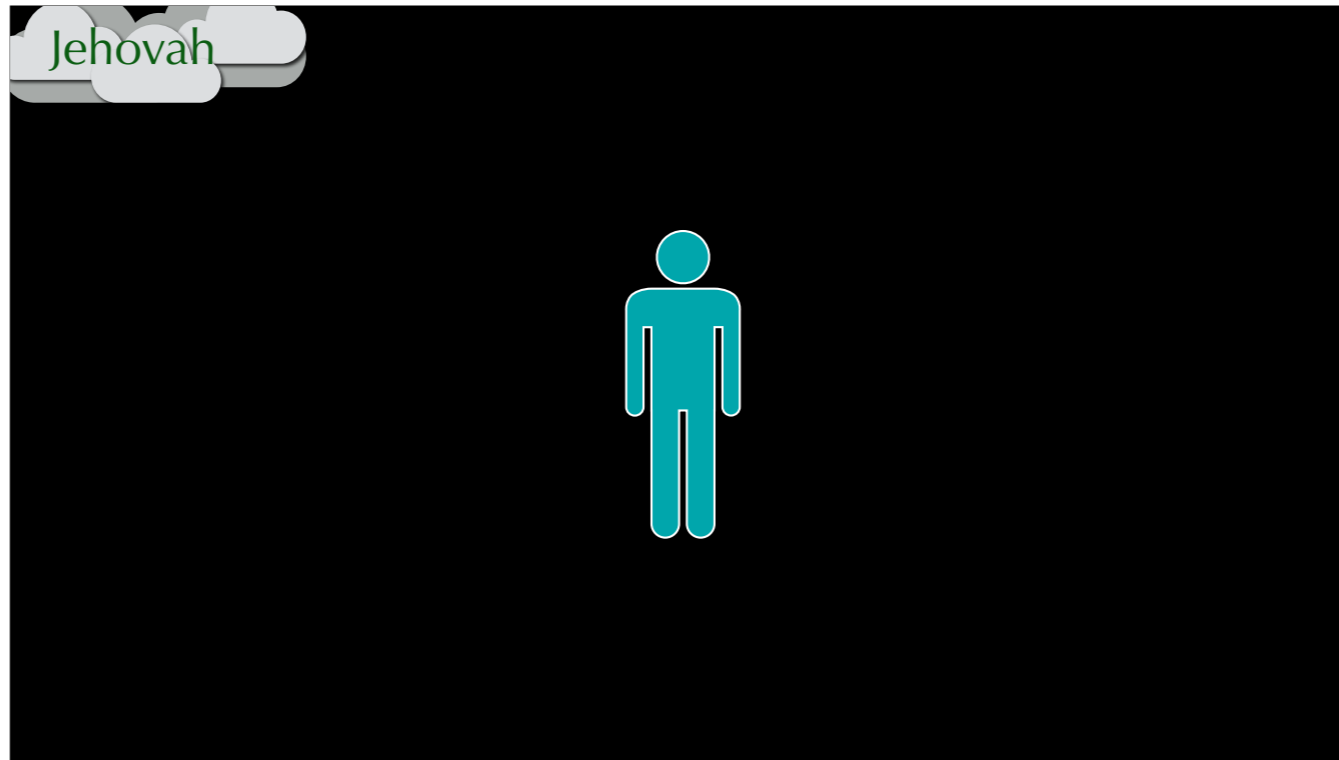
- Psalms 32:5 (ESV) 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
- Psalms 32:6 (ESV) 6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.



- Psalms 32:1-2 (ESV) 1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit



- Rethinking our Relationship with God
  - Especially when we sin
- The following are three key thoughts about God
  - that help us to deal with sin quickly
  - that help us remember to come back to God and trust him.
  - anticipate good from God.
    - we have very much been taught the opposite ....
      - afraid of God
      - He is angry, punishing
      - Looking for opportunity to send us to hell.



- These all remind us that God's forgiveness goes beyond just dealing with the sin
  - God wants to reestablish our relationship
  - So he provides for us a way to grow closer to him:
    - God is taking the initiative to rebuild trust.
- Our initial struggle with sinning is a tendency to hide it so that there are no consequences
  - If no one knows ... nothing bad can happen.
  - Maybe God doesn't know?
  - Maybe I can just forget it.

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## A Hiding Place



- You are a hiding place for me
  - Instead of hiding the sin (or trying to hide it from God)
  - We seek God as our hiding place.
- Before: deceit (2); silent (3); cover (5)
- After confession and prayer
  - sin is forgiven (1)
  - sin is covered (1)
  - sin is not counted (2)
- Definition (5643): covering, shelter, hiding place, secrecy

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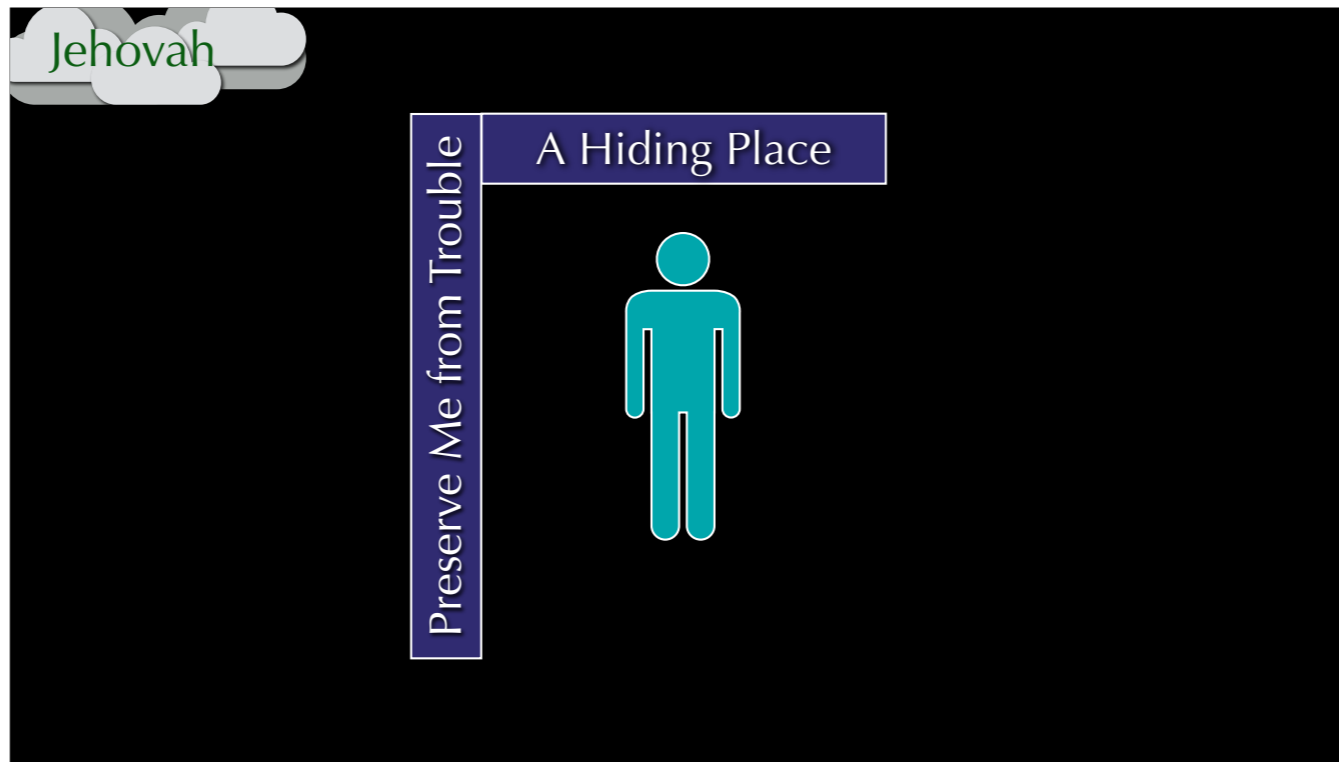
- Psalms 91:1-6 (ESV) 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, **in whom I trust.**”
- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

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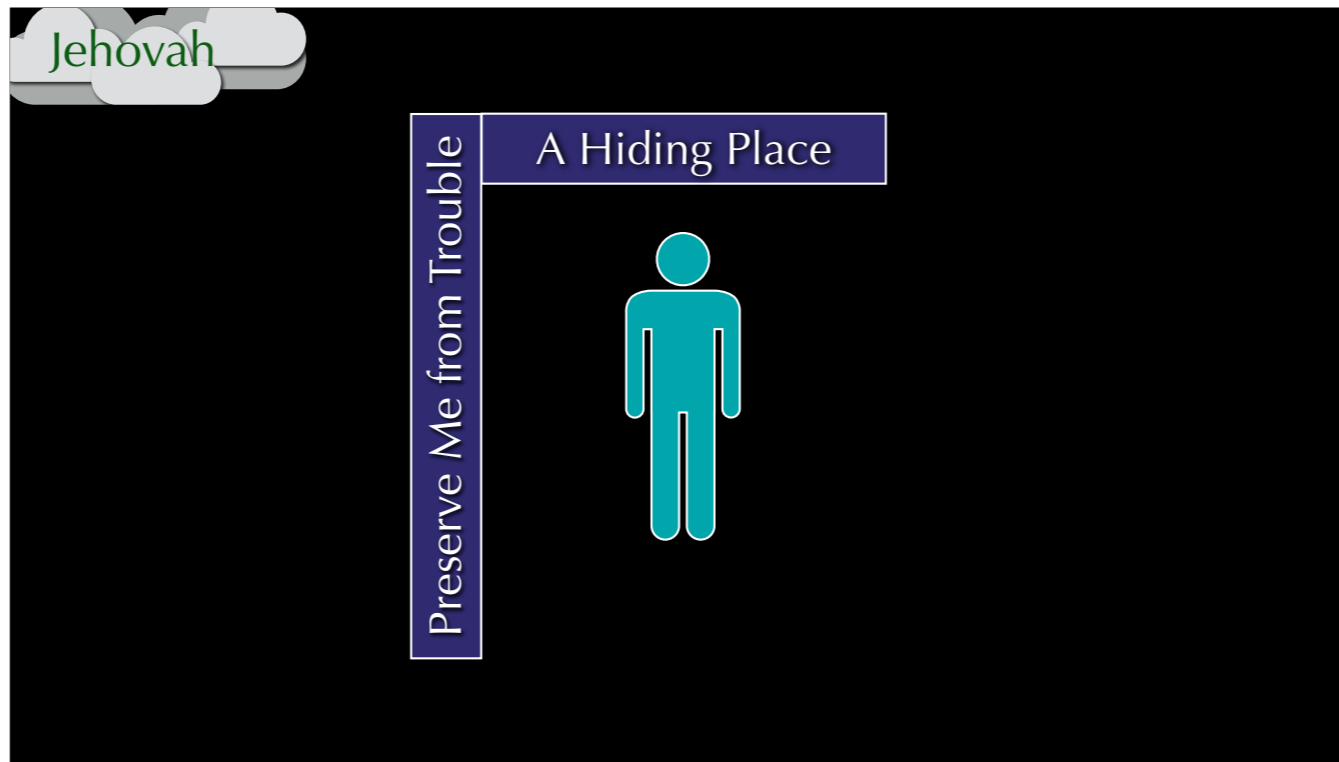


- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”



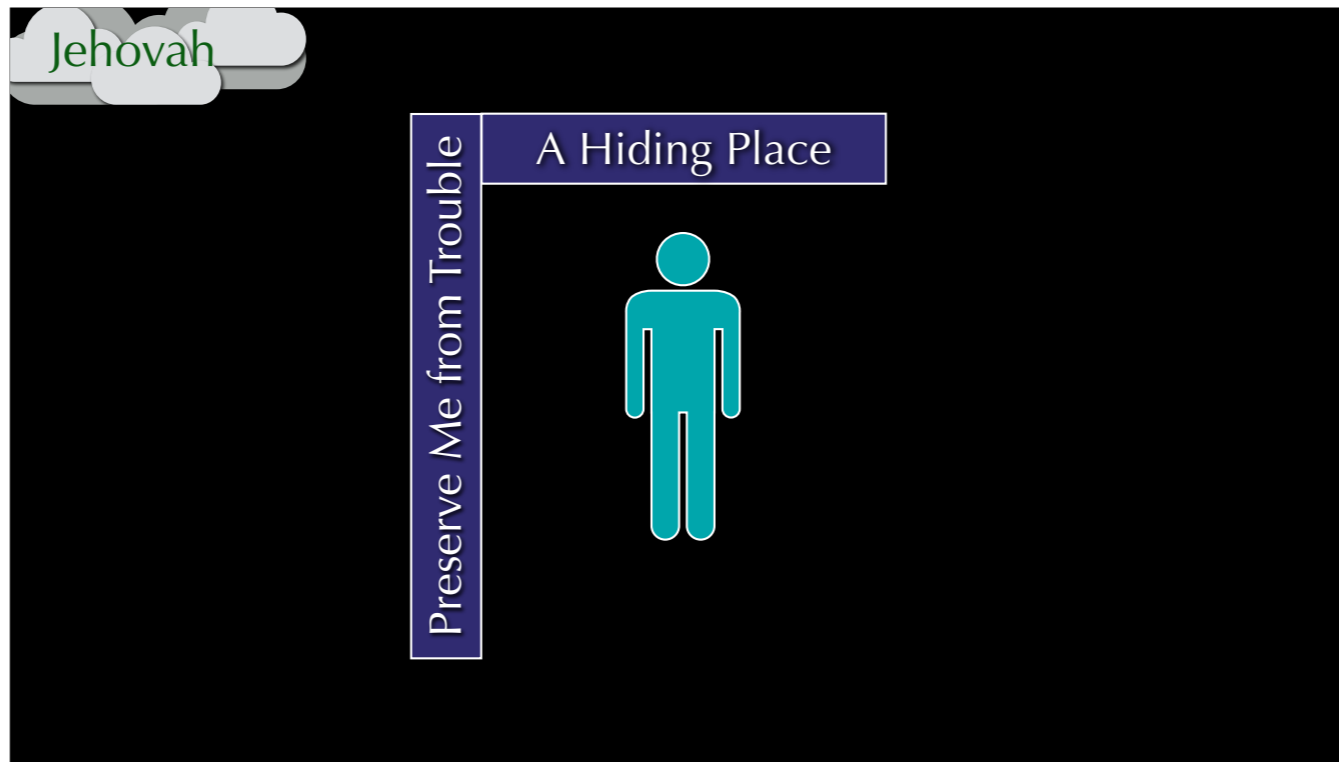
- You preserve me from trouble
  - preserve: watch, guard
    - (Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words) nāṣar generally indicates the action of carefully watching over a particular object so that the object is preserved or protected.





- Psalms 140:1-5 (ESV)

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; **preserve me from violent men**, 2 who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually. 3 They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's, and under their lips is the venom of asps. Selah 4 Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; **preserve me from violent men**, who have planned to trip up my feet. 5 The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread a net; beside the way they have set snares for me. Selah



- This doesn't mean that we won't face struggles or danger
  - God allowed the righteous Job to go through bitter trials.
  - Paul was warned that he would suffer.
  - Jesus certainly faced troubles.
  - We are warned that we will face persecution.
- The sense of this to me is not that we will never face difficulties,
  - but that our Father watches over us through these difficulties
  - so that we are not alone.



- You surround me with shouts (songs) of deliverance
- Secrets essentially isolate us from God and from others
  - Psalms 32:10 (ESV) 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
  - surround by others.



- Forgiveness: escape from the consequences of our sin
  - Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV) 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- Our condition doesn't have much joy or hope:
  - groaning all day long (3)
  - hand heavy on me (4)
  - strength dried up (4)



- Now singing! rejoicing!
  - We probably don't consider the power of song in our lives, the power of being surrounded by the singing of the saints
  - In the songs of God we express joy, salvation, struggles, emotions, praise

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- Psalms 118:14-18 (ESV) 14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. 15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, 16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!" 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

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- The blessedness of forgiveness!
  - Blessed: transgression is forgiven; sin is covered; Jehovah counts no iniquity
- God is
  - A hiding place (refuge): so trust Him.
  - Preserves from Trouble:
  - Songs: Community, Joy
- When we forgive others, follow the example of Jesus
  - Help them to find joy in God again.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## Forgiveness & More

Psalm 32:6-7

Synopsis: In this lesson we can find that God's forgiveness goes beyond just forgiveness (not as if that isn't amazing in itself). When we confess our sins, God is our hiding place, preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with shouts of deliverance. All these remind us that our Father's forgiveness is intended to restore our relationship with him.

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