

A GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISE!

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.” (Ps.32:8 NIV) This is a wonderful promise from God.

Notice the context of the promise. **He is speaking of the man whose sins are forgiven; whose sin the Lord does not count against him.** (v1-5) **He is honest hearted (no guile).** He is the one who takes refuge in God. Here is a person, honest about his sin; admits them to God. He has humbled himself. God makes wonderful promises to the humble.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.” The Bible speaks of people who think they know the right way, but it leads to death. Here, God is promising to give teaching and direction that will truly guide a person’s life. **This is a direct promise from the faithful God, who does not lie. I will guide your life!!** The apostle Peter speaks of God’s exceeding great and precious promises. (2 Pet.1:4) This is one of those promises to embrace.

God also promises counsel (wisdom). In the book of proverbs it is clear that humility is the strong quality of wisdom. In James 3:13 we are told “who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.” Then he goes on to say, **“...the wisdom that comes from heaven is first pure then peaceloving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”** (Ja.3:17 NIV) Our life will take on these great qualities that will encourage and help others.

Finally, God promises, “I...will watch over you.” Can you imagine this? God will have his protective eye on you continually. **The promise implies 24 hour protection.** No wonder we are told “all things work together for our good to those who love God...” (Ro.8:28) The great and faithful God has promised all of this to those who will turn to him and honestly trust him. WOW!