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Three characteristics of a great church:

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2. Great Power which is evidenced through Preaching and teaching
3. Great Grace which is demonstrated through generous giving

II. They were contaminated by a Great Sin

Sin's two components:

1. External Expression: They Lied
2. Internal Motives:
 - a. Self-Promotion
 - b. Spiritual Prestige
 - c. Sinful Pride

III. They were gripped with Great Fear

When God dealt with the church six things happened:

1. Sin was exposed
2. God judged the sin
3. The people judged themselves
4. The Church was purged
5. Precious unity was enjoyed
6. The Church was respected

Psalm 32

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