

## Psalm 52

# "The Consolation of the Righteous at God's Judgment of the Powerful Wicked"

For the choir director. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

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### A1 THE DESTRUCTIVE TONGUE OF THE MIGHTY MAN 52:1-3

**B1 The Evil of the Mighty Man Contrasted with the Loyal Love of God: {1}**  
Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? <sup>1</sup> The lovingkindness of God *endures*  
all day long.

**B2 The Destructive, Deceitful Tongue of the Mighty Man: {2}** Your tongue  
devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit.

**B3 His Love of Evil and Deceit: {3}** You love evil more than good, Falsehood more  
than speaking what is right. Selah.

### A2 THE JUDGMENT OF GOD 52:4-5

**B1 The Prelude to Judgment -- Destruction and Deceit: {4}** You love all words  
that devour, O deceitful tongue.

#### **B2 The Description of God's Judgment 52:5**

C1 The Destiny of Destruction: {5} But God will break you down forever;

C2 The Dislocation of Destruction: He will snatch you up and tear you away  
from *your* tent,

C3 The Death in Destruction: And uproot you from the land of the living.  
Selah.

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<sup>1</sup> 52:1 - mighty man: Obviously a reference specific to Doeg the Edomite, but Doeg stands for all every mighty man.

**A3 THE RESPONSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS 52:6-9**

**B1 Of the People -- Laughing at the Demise of the Mighty Man 52:6-7**

- C1 The Righteous' View of His Demise: {6} The righteous will see
- C2 The Response of the Righteous
  - D1 Fear at God's Judgment: and fear,
  - D2 Laughter at the mighty man: And will laugh at him, *saying*,
- C3 The Pronouncement of the Righteous 52:7
  - D1 He would not make God his refuge: {7} "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,
  - D2 He trusted in his wealth: But trusted in the abundance of his riches
  - D3 He lustily pursued evil: *And* was strong in his *evil* desire."

**B2 Of David Himself -- Trusting in, Praising, and Waiting upon God 52:8-9**

- C1 His Flourishing as a Tree in God's House: {8} But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
- C2 His Trust in the Eternal Loyal Love of God: I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
- C3 His Resolve to Thank God Forever: {9} I will give You thanks <sup>2</sup> forever, because You have done *it*,
- C4 His Determination to Await Corporately God's Salvation and Vindication: And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

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<sup>2</sup> 52:9 - thanks, wait: In his use of the imperfect in v. 9 and not in v. 8, the main points that David is making are his resolve to praise God and to wait upon Him.