

## **PSALM 52 – The End of the Wicked and the Peace of the Godly!**

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### **PSALM 52 – The Steadfast Love of God Endures**

#### **THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD** Don Marsh (1:39)

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Your mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning, new every morning: Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is Thy faithfulness! (2X)  
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**PSALM 52 To the Chief Musician.** A Contemplation of David When Doeg the Edomite Went and Told Saul, and Said to Him, "David Has Gone to the House of Ahimelech."

**Psa 52:1** *Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.*

**Psa 52:2** *Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.*

**Psa 52:3** *You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah*

**Psa 52:4** *You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.*

**Psa 52:5** *God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah*

**Psa 52:6** *The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,*

**Psa 52:7** *"Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."*

**Psa 52:8** *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.*

**Psa 52:9** *I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.*

**PSALM 52 is a psalm of instruction.** It is a psalm of David, likely about 20 years old, when Doeg, the Edomite (he was a dog), came and told Saul that David has come to the house of Ahimelech. When David was fleeing from Saul he came to the priest Ahimelech and David and his men were fleeing from Saul. David did not have any weapons and he said to Ahimelech, "Do you have any weapons here?" and said, "I have here the sword that you took from Goliath, that trophy." David said, "I'll take it, it's a good sword" Then he said, "What about some food?" and he said, "All I have is the shewbread." The shewbread was placed on the table in the tabernacle, and it was only lawful for the priests to eat. David said, "My men are hungry. I will take that too." David took the shewbread and fed his men, and he took the sword that had belonged to Goliath and then he fled with the men.

Doeg, an Edomite, saw David there. He knew that Saul was after David. So, he reported to Saul the fact that Ahimelech aided David by letting him eat the shewbread and he gave him Goliath's sword. Saul came and killed Ahimelech and his family, and the priests who were in Nob, a total of eighty-five priests were killed on that day! It was a horrible deed. David then pledged vengeance upon Doeg when he got the chance. That dirty dog who ratted on him to Saul. David is now talking about this guy Doeg.

#### **Saul Kills the Priests at Nob**

**Isa 22:8** *All of you have conspired against me, and there is no one who reveals to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse; and there is not one of you who is sorry for me or reveals to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day."*

**Isa 22:9** *Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.*

**Isa 22:10** *And he inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."*

*1Sa 22:11 So the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob. And they all came to the king.*

*1Sa 22:12 And Saul said, "Hear now, son of Ahitub!" He answered, "Here I am, my lord."*

*1Sa 22:13 Then Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?"*

*1Sa 22:14 So Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house?"*

*1Sa 22:15 Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? Far be it from me! Let not the king impute anything to his servant, or to any in the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, little or much."*

*1Sa 22:16 And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's house!"*

*1Sa 22:17 Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD.*

*1Sa 22:18 And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod.*

*1Sa 22:19 Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.*

*1Sa 22:20 Now one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David.*

*1Sa 22:21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the LORD's priests.*

*1Sa 22:22 So David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the death of all the persons of your father's house.*

**PSALM 52: To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of David When Doeg the Edomite Went and Told Saul, and Said to Him, "David Has Gone to the House of Ahimelech."**

***Psa 52:1 Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.***

***Psa 52:2 Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.***

- Doeg had no reason for boasting in having procured the slaughter of a band of defenseless priests. A mighty man indeed to kill men who never touched a sword! He ought to have been ashamed of his cowardice. He had no room for exultation!
- *The goodness of God endures continually.* A beautiful contrast! If priests be slain their Master lives. If Doeg for a short while triumphs, the Lord will outlive him, and right the wrongs which he has done
- The tongue is like a knife, like a razor, cutting. We have used it to cut down people. The tongue is indeed a horrible devise in cutting people to pieces. It should never be used that way but unfortunately it is.

***Psa 52:3 You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah***

- My words, my tongue could be used to cut people down or my tongue could be used to build people up. I could use my tongue to bless people, to encourage people, to strengthen people or I could use my tongue to cut them down. We need to observe how I am using my tongue. Am I using my tongue as a razor to chop people to pieces or am I using my tongue as an instrument of bringing God's blessings, declaring God's love, God's goodness, God's grace and building people up in the Lord?

***Psa 52:4 You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.***

- David was angry at this guy's tongue, telling Saul!

***Psa 52:5 God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah***

- God's going to get you. David's attitude was not that towards his own sin was it? "Have mercy upon me upon me O God." Aren't we all more or less like David? I want God to be merciful to me but man how I want him to cut down those who have done evil to me or ripped me off. God get him. David was like God's going to get you; He will cut you out of the land of the living.

***Psa 52:6 The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,***

- When you are cut down, the righteous will see it and they are going to laugh.

*Psa 52:7 "Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."*

- Wealth and wickedness are dreadful companions; when combined they make a monster.

*Psa 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.*

- *green olive tree.* In contrast, the psalmist exults, through this simile, "I am like," that the person who trusts in the mercy of God is productive and secure.

*Psa 52:9 I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.*

- I am not quite sure on David on this one. It is so typical and so natural! I can surely identify with it. I am afraid that I am much like David in that way.

## SUMMARY

- No wicked, lying tongue can ever derail God's plan for your life!

## BUILD MY LIFE - Chris Tomlin (5:08)

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Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all **the praise** we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh we live for You  
Jesus, **the name above every other name** Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, We live for You  
[Chorus] - Holy, there is no One like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me  
Jesus, **the name** above every other **name** Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh we live for You [Chorus]  
I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation  
I will put my **trust** in You alone And I will not be shaken  
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