

## Psalm 52

1 To the chief Musician, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech. Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. 2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. 4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: 7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. 9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

### Introduction:

1. “To the chief Musician” (1 Chr. 25:1-6) – Asaph, Jeduthus, Heman.
2. “Maschil” – meaning understanding or teaching (poetic title) a Psalm used for instruction.
3. The historical background is with King Saul and Doeg and the killing of Ahimelech and 85 other priests including the destruction of the city of Nob (1 Samuel 22; cf. 2:30-33).

### Outline:

- A. The Folly of Evil (vv.1-4)
- B. God’s Complete Judgment (v.5)
- B’. Wisdom from God’s Judgment (vv.6-7)
- A.’ The Blessing of Righteousness (vv.8-9)

### Observations:

1. We must be aware of the “Doegs” in life.
2. God’s justice will always prevail.
3. Our refuge is Christ not man.
4. The believer’s security is certain and the wicked shall be uprooted.

Lesson: While the “Doegs” boast, let us wait on the LORD.

## Psalm 53

1 To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. 2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. 3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God. 5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

### Introduction:

1. “To the chief Musician” (1 Chr. 25:1-6) – Asaph, Jeduthus, Heman.
2. “Mahalath” – Musical/Instrumental title. Meaning “sickness.”
3. “Maschil” – instruction.
4. “A Psalm of David”

### Outline:

- A. The Fool (v.1-3)
- B. The Judgment of Fools (vv. 4-5)
- C. The Salvation of Zion (v.6)

Observations: Possible background: Nabal, the fool (1 Sam. 25). Much parallel with Psalm 14.

Lesson: God will deliver those who trust in Him.