

## David's Anger Against the Wicked

*Psalm 52, 1 Samuel 22:8-19*

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### I. Backdrop to the poem. *1 Samuel 22:8-16, 22*

Abiathar was the son of Ahimelech the priest and he was the \_\_\_\_\_ survivor of the massacre carried out by Saul and Doeg. *1 Samuel 22:22*

- David wrote *Psalm 52* to show his \_\_\_\_\_ and outrage against Doeg and to reveal that the LORD will execute judgment against evil and ultimately bless those who trust Him.

### II. The charge against evil. *Psalm 52:1-4*

*Why do you boast in evil?* Boasting usually comes from a person's insecurity and is used to boost their \_\_\_\_\_.

- If you study their lives, you will discover that Saul and Doeg were men, who relied on their positions of power and wealth, but David relied on God's \_\_\_\_\_ to get by in life. (*vss. 1,8*)

*Ephesians 4:30* And do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NKJV

### III. The evil will be uprooted. *Psalm 52:5-7*

David said that God will judge Saul and Doeg, as well as all those who follow their evil \_\_\_\_\_ for life.

- "Oh! 'tis hard to abound in riches and not to trust in them. Hence that caution: If riches increase, set not your \_\_\_\_\_ upon them." (Caryl)

### IV. David's response. *Psalm 52:8-9*

*Psalm 52:8* starts with the conjunction, "**But**", contrasting the final judgment for the wicked with the \_\_\_\_\_ for the righteous.

- We were enemies of God, but Jesus Christ brokered the peace \_\_\_\_\_ for us with the Father. *Colossians 1:21-22*
- Like Olive Trees, we find our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD. *1 Timothy 4:6*
- Olive Trees produce olive oil which can be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in scripture. *1 Corinthians 6:19*

*Mercy* in Hebrew is the word, "*hesed*" which can be defined as love or \_\_\_\_\_.

- Worship is not just a time of singing; it is expressing praise and love to God in \_\_\_\_\_ to who He is and what He has done.

## Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read *1 Samuel 22:8-16, 22*. Discuss the backdrop of *Psalm 52* from the story of Doeg, Saul, Abiathar, and David. What is the sin of omission and how did David commit the sin of omission, in this narrative?  
*1 Samuel 16:23, James 4:17, Matthew 25:31-46*
2. Read *Psalm 52:1-4* and *James 3:3-11*. Why do people usually boast? What are some of the evils that can come from our tongues?  
*Ephesians 4:29-30, James 1:19, Proverbs 21:23, Colossians 3:17, Titus 3:2-3*
3. Read *Psalm 52:5-7*. What did the Lord promise to do to the evil? Why is it dangerous to trust in wealth?  
*Matthew 25:41, Proverbs 16:5-6, Proverbs 11:28, Psalm 49:6-7, Psalm 20:7*
4. Read *Psalm 52:8*. What is the contrast between *Psalm 52:5* and *Psalm 52:8*? Discuss how Christians are like Olive Trees.  
*Colossians 1:21-22, James 4:8, 1 Timothy 4:6, 1 Corinthians 6:19*
5. Read *Psalm 52:9*. What did the sermon notes say the word for "loving-kindness" can be interpreted as? Discuss authentic worship.  
*John 4:23-24, Psalm 145:8, Psalm 103:1*
6. Read *Genesis 50:20* and *Romans 8:28*. Discuss the Practical Application.  
*Romans 12:19, Hebrews 8:12*