

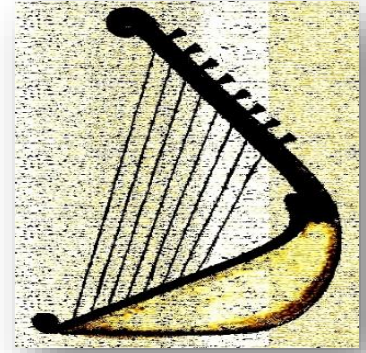
# PSALM 52 vs 1

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Title: For the Chief musician – even short psalms, if they record but one instance of the Lord's goodness, and rebuke the pride of mankind, are worthy of our best singing. Here, David was the prime object of their hatred. This incident procured deceitful tale-bearing that led to the death of all the priests at Nob. David was much the villain of this arch-enemy, and here, denounces him in vigorous terms. **Mercy = getting what you do not deserve.**

Divisions: We will follow the sacred pauses marked by the Selahs of the poet (verse 3, and 5) -- Charles Spurgeon.



**For the Chief musician,**

**A Contemplation of David. When Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, "David went to the house of Ahimelech"**

**<sup>1</sup> Why do you brag in evil, O mighty man? the mercy of God endures continually.**

**<sup>2</sup> Your tongue speaks plans of destruction; like a sharp sword, working deceitfully.**

**<sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good; lying rather than speaking right.**

**Selah.** Think about it: Doeg had little reason for boasting about the slaughter of a band of defenseless priests; a mighty man indeed to kill men who never touched a weapon. David said, You speak with an ulterior design... like a sharp razor working deceitfully; does David mean... as a razor at a man's throat, able to cut speedily, sharpened by malice, guided by deceit... under the pretense of shaving him? He did not love good at all. If both had been equally profitable, he would have preferred evil. He was more at home at lying than at truth. Doeg is gone, but other dogs still bark at the people of God.

**<sup>4</sup> You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**

**<sup>5</sup> But when God destroys, it is forever, He takes you away, plucking you from your dwelling place, uprooting you from the land of the living.**

**Selah.** Think about it: he who loves evil will be taken away by the One who hates evil; he who would destroy life, will be destroyed, and uprooted, and completely removed by God who loves life.

**<sup>6</sup> And the right ones will see, and fear, and laugh, saying:**

**<sup>7</sup> Look! one who did not make God his refuge; but leaned on his little abundance of riches, adding strength to his evil desires.**

**<sup>8</sup> But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I lean on the mercy of God forever and ever.**



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**<sup>9</sup> I thank You forever, because You did it: and I wait on Your name; for it is good in the presence of those who love and trust You.**

Think about it: He is the One who said, I will save My people; so let Him pick the time and the place; because we are in the best of hands. So, can we thank Him? Others will boast in their riches; we will boast in our great God who loves us and gave Himself for us.

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