

Triumphant Tuesday Bible Study
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Psalm Chapter 52 NKJV

Psalm 52 can be divided into three parts (1) The Downfall of the Mighty Man verses 1-5, (2) The Mockery of the Righteous, verses 6-7, and (3) What the Righteous Shall Be and Do, verses 8-9.

This psalm is “a Maskil of David”. It is one of the thirteen Maskil psalms. Maskil means ‘teaching’ or ‘instruction’. The teaching here is about the fulfillment of the principles of Psalm 1, in which the contrast is presented between Christ and the antichrist, between the faithful and the wicked, between David and Doeg (**Psa. 1: 1-6**)

This psalm dates from the time when David was fleeing from Saul. The Maskil is made by David in response to the treachery of Doeg, who informs Saul of David's visit to Ahimelech (**1 Sam. 22:9**) Saul then orders Doeg to kill the priests because they are on the hand of David. Doeg carries out the order with devilish delight (**1 Sam. 22:18-19**). Doeg is addressed as the “mighty man” based on the fact that he carried out a slaughter among the priests. That was not enough for him, he went beyond the king's order and wiped out the entire city of Nob, women, children and livestock (**1 Sam.22:19**). When David hears about it, he takes the blame for the massacre and offers protection to Ahimelech. (**1 Sam. 22:20-23**).

The Downfall of the Mighty Man Vss. 1-5

Vs. 1) Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

You boast in evil: or “mischief” or “wickedness”—it is vain. You “exult” in that which is wrong. You find pleasure in evil rather than in good. You pride yourself in schemes which tends to hurt and wrong others. (**Isa.5:20**) **Wow to those who call evil good, and good evil...” (Ps.6:14) Behold the wicked travails in iniquity, conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.**

O mighty man; or “Tyrant”—one of rank or distinction, a man of “Power”—power that came from either office, talent or from wealth. Power that can soon degenerates into tyranny.... (**Cambridge**).

The goodness of God endures continually...forever; God, EL, the real strong man is mightily used here. Against the goodness of God the devices of the wicked man to injure the righteous will not ultimately prevail. (**Ps.50:1**)**The Mighty One, God the LORD.... (Isa.54:10) “For the mountains shall depart and the hill be removed, but**

My Kindness shall not depart from you nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Vs. 2) Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

Your tongue devises (speaks) destruction or "mischiefs"; Speaking with an alternate motive or design. Sins of the tongue can be falsehood, slander, false witness, outright lying, and it is usually done to benefit or to promote one self. **(Ps.10:7) His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity. (Ps.5:9) For there is no faithfulness in their mouth: their inward parts is destruction: their throat is an open tomb: they flatter with their tongue.**

Like a sharp razor; The tongue and its words are often compared to swords, spears and arrows. **(Ps.55:21).....His words were softer than oil, yet they were drown swords. (Ps.57:4) and their tongue a sharp sword.**

His tongue "the mighty man tongue" was like a sharp razor, working deceitfully to cut and divide others. The razor is a small instrument and the tongue a little member but both is very dangerous.

Vs. 3) You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah

He loves "***evil more than good***"; the wicked man loves only self-gain and will do any-thing to obtain it. His carnal mind being enmity to all that is good. He has his father nature which is of the devil. **(John 10:10) Who comes for three reasons, to steal, kill and destroy.** Jesus also said of Satan in **(John 8:4) He Satan.....abode not in the truth.**

Righteousness; means that we speak the whole truth, the naked truth, without a hint of lying or maliciousness which an act of justice due to one another and promotes health. **(Prov.16:24) Pleasant words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.**

Vs. 4) You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue.

Devouring words; you love to say things that plunges others into misfortune and devastation. Words can ruin and devour some ones reputation. **Devour means to gulp, swallow, gorge.**

Vs. 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

David then proclaim to the **“evil, mighty man”** the judgement that God will bring on him in specific examples, all of which means that he will be totally destroyed. God **“THE REAL STRONG MAN”** will reduce him to nothing for ever and ever. His dwelling place will be an eternal mess without any possibility of rebuilding.

Uproot; Uprooting is also a sudden, violent act. All the mighty man “Doeg” connection with life will be cut off. **(Num. 32:23).....you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin find you out. (Rom.6:23) The wages of sin is death...**

The Mockery of the Righteous Vss. 6-7

Vs. 6) The righteous also shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying,

The Righteous; “Those who fear God”, who are in awe, and have a deep reverence of Him, they shall see and fear and laugh at the “tyrant”, the strong man’s down fall. **(Ps.58:11) So that men will say, “surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in the earth.”** The voice of Wisdom **“God”** said in **(Pro.1:26) I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes....**

We are not to exult in the “suffering” of others or to take joy that “calamity” has come upon them or to feel self- gratification but it is feeling justified that punishment has come upon those who deserve it, and joy that wickedness is not allowed to prevail or triumph. **(Ps.58:11)**Proves this.

Vs. 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.*”

This is what we the righteous will say about the ***man who did not make God his strength;*** he trusted and feared man more than God and is willing to gain man’s favor even though it displeases God. He trusted in his abundance of his riches. He thought he was secure in his riches and great wealth and don’t need God’s protection or His blessings.

(Ps.49:10-12; 17) For he sees that wise men die; like- wise the fool and the senseless person perish, and leave their wealth to others, (11) Their inner thought is that their houses will continue forever, And their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands after their own names. (12) Nevertheless man, though in honor, does not remain; He is like a beast that perish. (17) For when he dies he shall carry nothing with him.

What the Righteous Shall Be and Do Vss. 8-9

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

The olive tree is an evergreen tree that is a native of the Near East. The fruit of this tree can be eaten or pressed to produce oil for food; oil for the tabernacle; oil for offerings; oil for payment and oil for tribute and trade. The wood of the olive tree was used for fuel in the temple and other furniture. **(1 King 6:23) Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood. (31-32) ... he made doors of olive wood for the sanctuary.**

As we see that God used the olive tree for many different purposes for His people and His dwelling place. Today, God dwells in His people, and He wants to use in many different ways for His glory. Just as David saw himself as an olive tree that can be used by God for many purposes so we must yield ourselves to God to be used by Him.

The ***mercy of God***; His "forgiveness or kindness" **endures forever (Ezra 3:11). (Heb.13:5) I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.**

Vs. 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 will praise you forever; I will give you thanks, "the sacrifice of thanks giving" **(Ps.50:23) Whoever offers praise glorifies Me... (Isa.38:19) The living, the living he shall praise thee....**

Because You have done it; God have destroyed the enemy "the evil strong man, satan himself". David was saved from the works of the enemy and so are we," the righteous ones". **(1 John 3:8).... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

In the presence of Your Saints; "the righteous ones" ***I will wait on your name.*** **(Isa.40:31) Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Pr.18:10) The name of the LORD is a strong tower: The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.**