

Psalm 052 - The Antichrist: Mr. Big Mouth

Psalm 52

[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.]

1 Why do you boast in evil, you **mighty man**? The faithfulness of God *endures* all day long.

1 Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of God *endures* all day long.

1 Why do you make evil the foundation of your boasting, mighty one? God's gracious love never ceases.

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

- The background for this Psalm comes from 1 Sam 22:6-23

- This psalm expresses indignation at one who boasts of evil...specifically, Doeg the Edomite (and eschatologically, the Antichrist)

— Doeg attempted to build himself up while tearing others down

— David poured out his righteous anger to God, marveling that someone would boast about their evil since God is so consistently loving

-- It is inconsistent to return evil to a God who loves faithfully, and it is even worse to brag about one's wickedness

- "...mighty man" - an OT allusion to the Antichrist; see [Allusions to the Antichrist](#)

— Here is a man who is boasting of his sin. When David sinned, he kept quiet because he was under deep conviction.

— When the man of the world sins, he loves it and boasts about it. The Antichrist will be the epitome of that type of man.

2 Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

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2 Your tongue, like a sharp razor, devises wicked things and crafts treachery.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

- The wicked who oppose God's faithful servants often use their words as weapons to cut them down (Cf. James 3:6,8)

3 You love evil more than good, Lies more than speaking what is right. *Selah*

3 You love evil more than good, Falsehood more than speaking what is right. *Selah*.

3 You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking uprightly.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 You love all words that devour, You deceitful tongue.

4 You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

4 You love all words that destroy, you deceitful tongue!

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5 But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and tear you away from *your* tent, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

5 But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and tear you away from *your* tent, And uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*.

5 But God will tear you down forever; he will take you away, even snatching you out of your tent! He will uproot you from the land of the living.

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.

- Since God had promised to bless the righteous with long life, and to punish the wicked with death (Deut 28), David was confident that He would slay the deceiver eventually

6 The righteous will see and fear, And they will laugh at him, *saying*,

6 The righteous will see and fear, And will laugh at him, *saying*,

6 The righteous will fear when they see this, but then they will laugh at him, saying,

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, But trusted in the abundance of his riches *And* was strong in his *evil* desire."

7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, But trusted in the abundance of his riches *And* was strong in his *evil* desire."

7 "Look, here is a young man who refused to make God his strength; instead, he trusted in his great wealth and made his wickedness his strength.

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.

- The punishment of the wicked would delight the righteous, not because they had suffered, but because God would judge righteously

8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the faithfulness of God forever and ever.

8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the gracious love of God forever and ever.

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 You forever, because You have done *it*, And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

9 I will give You thanks forever, because You have done *it*, And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

9 Therefore I will praise you forever because of what you did; I will proclaim that your name is good in the midst of your faithful ones.

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.