

"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."

Doeg was an Edomite, a descendent of _____. His name means: "full of _____." He was the chief herdsman of King Saul. He was present at Nob at the time David arrived there during the course of his flight from Saul. (Cf. 1 Sam 21:1-8) Doeg subsequently reported to Saul that the priest Ahimelech had given assistance to David. After confronting Ahimelech, Saul ordered his guards to slay the priests of Nob. When the guards refused to obey, Saul told Doeg to kill the priests. In a gruesome show of obedience, Doeg took the lives of _____ people. (Cf. 1 Sam 22:1-19) As David reflects on these events, he is given this Psalm which he records and gives to the chief musician to be sung in the worship assemblies.

I. David addresses Doeg Vs 1-5

- A. Doeg was mighty in the eyes of _____ men
1. He boasted in his personal _____
 2. God's goodness did not _____ toward the righteous, even though it seemed that God was not watching or working
- B. Doeg was characterize as:
1. _____ Vs 1
 2. Of a _____ tongue Vs 2
 3. A _____ of evil Vs 3
 4. Loved to _____ others for his own advancement Vs 4
- C. God would take care of Doeg in His own good time Vs 5
1. God's destruction is _____
 2. God's destruction is _____
 3. God's destruction is _____

II. David reflects on how this will _____ the righteous Vs 6-7

- A. The destruction of God will be _____ by the righteous Vs 6
1. They shall see it and hear of it
 2. They shall not be a _____ of the destruction
 3. They shall rejoice at the elimination of the wicked
 - a. Because their _____ has been destroyed
 - b. Because they have been _____ from destruction by a merciful God
 - c. Because all the wicked influence of that person has been _____
- B. It becomes obvious to the righteous what type person the wicked one was Vs 7
1. He did not _____ in God for his personal strength
 2. His self determination to advance at all cost only made him more _____

III. David testifies to the _____ hand of God on his personal life Vs 8-9

- A. Although not perfect, yet David experienced the mercy of God which resulted in David's becoming _____ and more alive before God's presence Vs 8
- B. David acknowledged his recognition of what God had done and his need to make praising God a _____ - _____ project Vs 9a
- C. David recognized the importance of letting God be God and doing His will in His own time. Thus it was needful for David to _____ on God and not act in his own strength. Vs 9b

Psalm 52:1-9 (NASB)

- ¹ Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of God endures all day long.
- ² Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit.
- ³ You love evil more than good, Falsehood more than speaking what is right. Selah.
- ⁴ You love all words that devour, O 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.
- ⁶ The righteous will see and fear, And will laugh at him, saying,
- 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."
- 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.
- 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.

Psalm 52:1-9 (NLT)

- ¹ Why do you boast about your crimes, great warrior? Don't you realize God's justice continues forever?
- ² All day long you plot destruction. Your tongue cuts like a sharp razor; you're an expert at telling lies.
- ³ You love evil more than good and lies more than truth. Interlude
- ⁴ You love to destroy others with your words, you liar!
- ⁵ But God will strike you down once and for all. He will pull you from your home and uproot you from the land of the living. Interlude
- ⁶ The righteous will see it and be amazed. They will laugh and say,
- ⁷ "Look what happens to mighty warriors who do not trust in God. They trust their wealth instead and grow more and more bold in their wickedness."
- ⁸ But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love.
- ⁹ I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people.