

# Psalm 52

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## Why Do You Boast of Evil?

(1 Samuel 22:6–23)

<sup>1</sup>For the Leader. Maschil of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him: 'David is come to the house of Ahimelech.' Why boastest thou thyself of evil, O mighty man? The mercy of God endureth continually.

<sup>2</sup>Thy tongue deviseth destruction; Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

<sup>3</sup>Thou lovest evil more than good; Falsehood rather than speaking righteousness. Selah

<sup>4</sup>Thou lovest all devouring words, The deceitful tongue.

<sup>5</sup>God will likewise break thee for ever, He will take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent, And root thee out of the land of the living. Selah

<sup>6</sup>The righteous also shall see, and fear, And shall laugh at him:

<sup>7</sup>Lo, this is the man that made not God his stronghold; But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.'

<sup>8</sup>But as for me, I am like a leafy olive-tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

<sup>9</sup>I will give Thee thanks for ever, because Thou hast done it; And I will wait for Thy name, for it is good, in the presence of Thy saints.