

Psalm 52

Anticipatory Thanksgiving

Sermon Notes for November 24, 2013, by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Psalm 52 (ESV)

Needed Information (for Worship)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A MASKIL OF DAVID, WHEN DOEG, THE EDMITE, CAME AND TOLD SAUL, "DAVID HAS COME TO THE HOUSE OF AHIMELECH."

Summary Statement

¹Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?
the steadfast love of God endures all the day.

Doeg's Sin

²Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

³You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah

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

God's Judgment

⁵But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

The Saints' Response

⁶The righteous shall see
and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,

Doeg's Sin

⁷"See the man who would not make God his refuge,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches
and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

The Saints' Contrasted with Doeg (Now Absent) - Blessing Rooted In Trust

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

Summary Conclusion - Anticipatory Thanksgiving

⁹I will thank you forever, because you have done it.
I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

Discussion Questions

1. What aspects of "givenness" will you thank God for this week?
2. How can you practically steward these givens?
3. What future events should you thank God for this week?
4. What forms of "death" are you fearful of?
5. What sins are you tempted to engage in because of this?
6. Do you sometimes "position the truth" in order to avoid truthfulness?
7. How are you building your life on the Rock?