

Psalm 52 A Psalm of David (when Doeg the Edomite told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech.")

¹ O mighty King Saul, you have forgotten that the tender love and kindness of God endures day after day forever. So, why do you brag about your evil conduct? ² You are deceitful and a liar. Your words about me are not true. In fact, they are divisive and destructive. They are like a razor-sharp knife cutting deeply, destroying everything in its path. ³ You love doing evil more than doing good, and you love telling lies more than speaking what is right.

Folks, stop for a moment and meditate upon the things I just shared with you. Take them to heart so that you will not sin like Saul.

⁴ Saul, your words are designed to bring about my death. You say such things because you want more than anything to swallow me up and take my life. ⁵ You can continue doing these things if you feel you must, but someday God will break you down. He will snatch you up in His net and remove you from your throne and palace. Then He will take you from the land of the living and plant you in a grave somewhere.

Folks, stop for a moment and meditate upon the things I just shared with you. Take them to heart so that you will not sin like Saul.

⁶ Saul, listen to me. Men and women who live in a good and godly manner will see all of this happen to you, and they will laugh at your stupidity. Then they will say,

“⁷ Hey everyone, look what happened to the man who would not trust in God and live with eternity in mind. Instead, he had a voracious appetite for doing evil and trusted in his wealth to get him through life.”

⁸ Saul chose his path through life and had to pay the penalty, but I have grown strong in the LORD and prosper. This has happened to me because I have trusted in the tender love and kindness of the LORD with every ounce of my being and will do so forever. ⁹ LORD, I will thank and praise You forever because You are the One who could do this to and for me. Your name is great. Therefore, I will wait upon You to act on my behalf and free me from Saul's attacks. When You do, I will testify of Your goodness in the presence of all those who live in a good and godly manner.