

## PRAYING PSALM 52

“Why do you boast in evil...? The goodness of God endures continually” (Psalm 52:1).

David revealed three attitudes in this psalm. 1. DAVID’S ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS ENEMY (1-5). Doeg was servant of King Saul. He was an Edomite, not a Hebrew. He was an evil man. He told Saul that David had gone to the house of Ahimelech, a Jewish priest. He ended up killing the priests of Nob. Doeg was a deceiver and a destroyer. He pretended to serve Israel but served only himself. He had no reason to harm David other than to impress Saul. David saw this man as a lover of evil and a hater of good. 2. DAVID’S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WICKED (6-7). The wicked do not make God their strength. They trust in riches. They strengthen themselves in wickedness. 3. DAVID’S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FUTURE (8-9). I will trust in the mercy of the Lord. I will praise You and wait for You.

The tension between the righteous and the wicked is ongoing. Wickedness will continue until Christ comes back and judges it. In the meantime all you can do is pray. Learn from David that it is OK to be honest about your thoughts when you pray. Tell the Lord what you see. Don’t be sabotaged by feelings that you shouldn’t criticize the wicked. The wicked are a category of people who hate good. They have no intention of changing. They don’t want God. They are His avowed enemies. Pray against wicked people. Keep praying, when there seems to be no hope. Take consolation that you are doing your part in opposing the wicked, and God will deal with them in His time, not yours. When you pray against the wicked, keep your eye on the future. Praise God for what The Scriptures say He will do.