

## Psalm 52 - Psalm 52:1-9

**Topics:** Accusation, Blessing, Consequences, Convictions, Deceit, Dishonesty, Disobedience, Evil, Example, Future, Greed, Hope, Judgment, Love, Lying, Materialism, Money, Obedience, Praise, Pride, Punishment, Righteousness, Self-Centeredness, Status, Strength, Trust, Truth, Wealth, Worship

### Open It

- \* 1. How does a person's beliefs about life after death impact the way he or she chooses to live?
- 2. What expectations do you have of life after death?

### Explore It

- 3. To whom is this psalm addressed? (52:1-4)
- 4. How did the psalm writer describe the wicked? (52:1-4)
- 5. How were David's enemies a "disgrace in the eyes of God"? (52:1-4)
- 6. What did David repeat three times to emphasize his point? (52:5)
- 7. What is the final destiny of the wicked? (52:5-7)
- \* 8. What are the consequences of deceit? (52:5-7)
- 9. In relation to eternity, how beneficial is earthly wealth and power? (52:5-7)
- 10. How will the righteous react to the downfall of the wicked? (52:6-7)
- 11. What benefits do the wicked enjoy in their earthly lives? (52:7)
- \* 12. What causes the downfall of the wicked? (52:7)
- 13. Why did David compare himself to an olive tree? (52:8)
- 14. Where did David get his sense of security? (52:8-9)
- \* 15. In what specific ways was David different from the wicked? (52:8-9)
- 16. What vow did David make to the Lord in the conclusion of the psalm? (52:9)
- 17. Where did David promise to praise the Lord? (52:9)

### Get It

- 18. How does your hope of heaven encourage you to live today?
- 19. What behavior does this psalm advise us to avoid?
- 20. What are the dangers of seeking after wealth and power?
- 21. How can we guard against pride and greed?
- 22. What reasons do we have to seek righteousness?
- 23. What do you think it means to be righteous?
- 24. How can a person make God his or her "stronghold"?
- \* 25. How can we demonstrate our trust in God?
- \* 26. What is one area of your life in which you need to trust God more?
- 27. What areas of your life do you like to have under control?
- 28. What are the benefits of praising the Lord in the presence of other believers?

### Apply It

- 29. What offering of praise could you give to God today?
- 30. What specific step can you take to remind yourself not to seek after money and status?
- \* 31. How can you entrust to God one area of your life that you have tried to control yourself?
- 32. The next time you are with other Christians, how could you praise the Lord together?