

A GREEN OLIVE TREE

Introduction: 1 Sam. 22:6-20

- The story of _____, Doeg, Saul, and the priests of God.
- Doeg's _____ tongue (vs. 9-10):
 - He had false _____.
 - He presented facts in a false light.
 - He embellished his story with false _____.

Text: Psalm 52

I. DAVID'S CAUSE FOR _____ (vs. 1-4)

- The lying _____ of the wicked and how the wicked sometimes seem to prosper because of wickedness.
- What we should do when confronted with the lying tongues of the wicked:
 - Remember the enduring _____ of God (Heb. 13:5-6, Ps. 37:16-17).
 - Consider the future _____ of God.

II. DAVID'S FOCUS ON THE _____ (vs. 5-7)

- On God's coming day of justice when He will right all wrongs and hold the wicked accountable for their evil deeds and lying tongues.
- When?
 - Short-term = whenever a wicked person _____ (Luke 3:8-9).
 - Long-term, final = at Great _____ Throne judgment.
 - Will be judged and cast into the lake of _____ (Rev. 20:11-15).
 - The lake of fire is inhabited by all _____ (Rev. 21:8).
 - Nothing that loves or makes a lie will be found in the new creation of God (Rev. 21:27, 22:15).
 - The righteous will see God's justice and even behold the carcasses of the wicked in the place of punishment (Isa. 66:24).

• Application 1: We should _____ the ungodly, not hate or envy them.

• Application 2: We should bear up _____ in the meantime.

III. DAVID'S _____ IN HIS RESOURCE (vs. 8-9)

- Notice 4 truths contained in this picture of the righteous:
- **Condition =** _____ (not dry/dead/barren but watered, living, growing).

○ Application: We are watered by the _____ (Ps. 1:2-3).

- **Description = a** _____ (tall, strong, able to give shade/support to other creatures, Col. 1:9-12).
- **Identification = an** _____ (fruit) tree
 - Application: The Christian life is about bringing forth fruit (Jn. 15:16).
 - The fruit of the _____, of service, _____, sacrificial giving.
- **Location = in the** _____ **of God** (the tabernacle/Temple, the place of God's presence and congregational _____).
 - Application: The church is also a place of God's presence and congregational worship in this dispensation; and a place God designed believers to be rooted and watered in the Word, grown up, _____, and fruitful.
- Application 1: In 2022, make full use of your resources:
 - The Word as your _____ of growth.
 - The _____ as your place of growth.
- Application 2: In 2022, maintain David's practical focus! 3 aspects:
 - _____ in mercy of God (vs. 8b).
 - _____ Him forever and ever (vs. 9a).
 - _____ on His name because He is good (vs. 9b).
 - What it means to wait on God:
 - Trust His _____.
 - _____ for the future He has guaranteed.
 - Be patient in the present.
 - _____ fervently and frequently.
 - Look for your eternal blessings coming soon from heaven.

CONCLUSION

- In 2022, make use of all God has given you to grow and bear fruit to the fullest!