

Judicial Confidence

Psalms of David · Book II

"For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, 'David has come to Abimelech's house.'"

PICTURE WORD

Olive Tree

IN ONE SENTENCE

*he boastful man who trusts in riches will be uprooted, but the psalmist is like a green olive tree in God's house.***Remember it:** Fifty-two: the boaster is uprooted, but the olive tree stays green.

MEMORY VERSE

But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in
God's house. I trust in God's loving
kindness forever and ever.

Psalm 52:8 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

כַּזִּית

"olive" · verse 8

In the Psalms: twice, in 2 psalms

זֵית is the olive tree, one of the longest-living and most useful trees in Israel, giving oil for lamps, food, and anointing. A green olive tree planted in God's house pictures a life rooted and fruitful year after year, the opposite of the boaster who is pulled up by the roots.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1-4 The psalmist confronts a boasting man with a lying tongue.**5-7** God will uproot him, and the righteous will see why.**8-9** The psalmist flourishes like an olive tree and gives thanks.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 52 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/52.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Justice on the Wicked

The Two Ways

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The _____ man who trusts in _____ will be uprooted, but the psalmist is like a green _____ tree in God's house.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What is the boaster's tongue compared to?

☐ (A) A broken bow

☐ (B) A burning coal

☐ (C) A roaring lion

☐ (D) A sharp razor

2. What did the uprooted man trust instead of God?

☐ (A) His army

☐ (B) The abundance of his riches

☐ (C) His father's name

☐ (D) Foreign kings

3. Where is the psalmist's green olive tree planted?

☐ (A) In God's house

☐ (B) By the Jordan

☐ (C) On Mount Hermon

☐ (D) In the king's garden

TALK IT OVER

1. What does the psalm say the boaster loves more than good and truth?

2. God's loving kindness "endures continually." How does that steady love answer a world of bragging and lies?

3. Where are you tempted to trust in money or reputation instead of God?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 52 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 8 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: boastful · riches · olive · Check yourself: 1. D (v. 2) · 2. B (v. 7) · 3. A (v. 8)