

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: DAVID VS. DOEG

Main Text: Psalm 52

Sermon Description: The life of David parallels these 9 verses. Every chapter of His biography serves to illustrate the truths poetically encapsulated here. The glory of God in the life of David in contrast to the vainglorious is thematic in this song. It is not that the wicked personified by Doeg successfully steal the praise and power ascribed to God alone, it is rather, that the enemies of God serve to display His judgements at the final reckoning. Spurgeon says: "Beelzebub and mammon together heat the furnace 7 times hotter for the child of God, but in the end that shall work out for their own destruction." David's life serves to illustrate this point as does Psalm 52. The life of David goes further to confirm the beatitudes of Christ (Mat 5:5) "...blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." The covenant keeping love of God is the only assurance for salvation and hope. Any other 'soothing' song is a delusion posing as a lullaby.

Heading: APPRECIATING THE POTENCY OF PS 52 FROM...

1. A BIOGRAPHICAL VANTAGE POINT

- a. Immediate occasion (I Sm 21:1-7,22:8-23)
- b. Saul's demise (I Chr 10:1-14)
- c. David's future (II Sm 7:4-17)

2. A POETIC VANTAGE POINT

- a. Razor blade (2-4)
- b. Trees (5-8)
- c. Contrasts (2,9)

3. A THEOLOGICAL VANTAGE POINT

- a. Absurdity of unbelief (6-7)
- b. Reality and covenant (1,8)
- c. Multi-tense application (9)

Close: David's hope is fulfilled in His own lineage and for this reason Paul can echo the assurances of Psalm 52 with the megaphone of New Covenant clarity as he prays for the church in Ephesians 3:14-19

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme: Bad guys	Theme: Saul judged	Theme: David's future	Theme: Poetic contrasts	Theme: Steadfast love	Theme: N.T. Fulfillment
Verses: I Sm 2:1-7, 22:8-23	Verses: I Chr 10:1-14	Verses: II Sam 7:4-17	Verses: Ps 52	Verses: Ps 52	Verses: Eph 3:14-19

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mat 21:28-46