



Passion toward me

You will rejoice and take delight
in every offering of our lives
as we bring our every sacrifice of righteousness
before you in love.

Psalm 52

THE FATE OF CYCLES

1 Pure and honest are the
ways of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is crooked.
2 David said when he sang the 52nd psalm:
"David said when he sang: 'David, you come
from the house of Ahimelech.'"

3 You boast in yourself a mighty man, a killing shot?
4 Why do you boast in the evil you have done?
5 God's loyal love will protect me and carry me
today!
6 Listen, O deceiver, trickster of others:
7 Your words are wicked, harmful, and hurting
all who hear them!
8 I love God and hate what is good and right,
9 you would rather lie than tell the truth!

^a 52:19 Or "Then they will offer up bulls on your altar."
^b For this episode in David's life, see 1 Samuel 21:1-9; 22:1-23. The Edomites, although close relatives to the Hebrews, were bitter enemies to God's people. In spite of David's lineage, he became a high ranking official in Saul's kingdom. Herod the Great, who slaughtered the babies of Bethlehem, was an Edomite. At the time David wrote this psalm, Saul had already attempted to kill him sixteen times. Ahimelech, the caretaker of the sword of Goliath, was a descendant of Eli.

10 You love to distort, deceiver, and deceive,
using your sly tongue to spin the truth.
11 But the Almighty will strike you down forever!
12 He will pull you up by your roots
and drag you away to the darkness of death.

13 Godly will see all this and will be awestruck,
14 they will laugh at the wicked, saying,
15 "What happens to those great in their own
who don't trust in the Most High to save them!
16 Look how they trusted only in their wealth
and made their living from wickedness!"^a

17 But I am like a flourishing olive tree, anointed in
the house of God.^b
18 I trust in the unending love of God:
his passion toward me is forever and ever.
19 Because it is finished:^c
20 I will be praising you forever and giving you
thanks!
21 Before all your godly lovers I will proclaim your
beautiful name!

^a 52:2 Or "and I was strong in his destruction."
^b 52:8 Implied in the text. The olive tree was the source of the oil used for anointing oil.
^c 52:9 Or "You have sated your soul with the words 'It is finished.' These were the last words of Jesus on the cross."



Forever and ever

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flourishing
OLIVE TREE.

Psalm 52:8