

# Psalm 52

"Why dost thou, tryrant, boast abroad"

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1. Why dost thou, ty - rant, boast a - broad, thy wick - ed works to praise?  
2. On mis - chief why set thou thy mind, and will not walk up - right?  
3. There - fore shall God for aye con - found and pluck thee from thy place.

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Dost thou not know there is a God, whose mer - cies last al - ways? Why  
Thou hast more lust false tales to find, then bring the truth to light. Thou  
Thy seed root out from of the ground and so shall thee de - face. The

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doth thy mind yet still de - vise such wick - ed wiles to warp? Thy  
dost de - light in fraud and guile, in mis - chief, blood and wrong: Thy  
just when they be - hold thy fall, with fear will praise the Lord: And

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tongue un - true in forg - ing lies, is like a ra - zor sharp.  
lips have learned the flatt - ring style, O false de - ceit - ful tongue.  
in re - proach of thee with - all cry out with one ac - cord.

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