

# Why Boast Evil, O Man So Mighty?

Based on Psalm 52

1. Why boast e - vil, O man so might - y? God's good-ness is for aye.  
2. For you love e - vil more than mer - it And lies more than the truth.  
3. *But God will break you down for - ev - er And tear you from your tent.*  
4. *The just shall see it and re - spect it, And they shall laugh and say,*  
5. But like an ol - ive tree I'm grow - ing, Safe in God's house and care.  
6. For - ev - er I will thank and praise Thee; It is Thy do - ing, LORD.

For all day long you plan to blight me While feign-ing right - eous-ness.  
Sweet sounds your voice to all who hear it, But though your tongue is smooth,  
*He will up - root all your en - dea - vor; Your cloak of lies He'll rend.*  
*"So this is he who has re - jec - ted God as his strength and stay.*  
His stead-fast love He is be - stow - ing On all who so - journ there.  
Up - on a rock Thy hand has raised me; Thy glo - ry I re - cord.

Your treach-'rous tongue is ra - zor-sharp; The truth you twist and warp.  
You love those words that will de - stroy, And false-hood is your joy.  
*A - live He'll snatch you from the land For all the ill you planned.*  
*In vain he sought in lust a hold And trust - ed in his gold!"*  
I trust in Him for - ev - er - more; His great-ness I a - dore.  
A - mong the god - ly I'll pro-claim: Good is Thy won-drous name!

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