

Psalm 52

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Read Psalm 52:8

How did David flourish?

David trusted God's unfailing love. *Unfailing love* is more closely translated as *mercy* and defined as kindness, favor, pity or reproach. Did you notice David not only trusted in God's kindness and favor, he also trusted (had confidence, placed his hope in) God's pity and reproach?

In what area of God's *unfailing love* do you find most to trust? Kindness? Favor? Pity? Reproach? Why?

An Olive tree will flourish when it is planted in the right climate, receives the right nutrients, and the right amount of water. The Olive Tree is completely dependent on its care-giver. With expert care and nutrients an Olive tree will produce an abundant crop.

The same can be said of God's children. He is our expert. This is something David learned and like David, we flourish and are fruitful because of the great attention God gives us and by our trust in His unfailing love.

Read Psalm 139:13.

How specifically is God qualified to be our expert?

God formed us and created our inmost being. This qualifies Him as an expert on all things concerning our development. As we accept His care, drink His Water (Jn.7:38) and digest His Word, the Bread of Life (Jn.1:1, Jn.1:14, Jn.6:51) we will produce an abundant crop.

The Bottom Line

It comes back to the "t" word again: trust. David's carefree confidence demonstrates that God's loving-kindness will not fall short of his expectations and never let him down. This assurance has given him the right view of God, the right view of self, and the ability to leave all the "doegs" of the world in His capable of hands.

How is your view?

Personal Reflection and Application

What has God revealed to me in this lesson? How will I respond?
