

1 Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, □

while the goodness of God endures continually?

2 You plot destruction, you deceiver; □

your tongue is like a sharpened razor.

3 You love evil rather than good, □

falsehood rather than the word of truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, □

O you deceitful tongue.

5 Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; □

he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent

and root you out of the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see this and tremble; □

they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:

7 'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, □

but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.'

8 But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God; □

I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give thanks to you for what you have done; □

I will hope in your name,

for your faithful ones delight in it.



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