

# Psalms 52:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

## Analysis

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The righteous response: 'The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him.' The righteous witness judgment, fear God's justice, and laugh--not with cruelty but with recognition that evil ultimately fails. 'Laugh' expresses vindication and relief when the oppressor falls.

## Historical Context

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This complex response combines reverent fear of God's judgment with relief that evil has been judged. The laughter is closer to Psalm 2's divine laughter at human rebellion than to mockery.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How can laughter at judgment be righteous rather than cruel?
2. What does it mean to 'fear and laugh' at divine judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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also shall see	The righteous	and fear	H5921	and shall laugh
H7200	H6662	H3372		H7832

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 40:3** (Parallel theme): And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

**Job 22:19** (Righteousness): The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

**Psalms 37:34** (Parallel theme): Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.