

Psalm 12

A Psalm of David

¹ LORD Jesus,¹ help me!

It seems like all of the good and godly men have ceased to be, and all of the faithful men of the land have vanished into thin air.² They have abandoned the fear of the LORD, and now they speak empty, untruthful, and deceiving words. They are double-minded at heart, so they use flattery hoping to acquire something of value from their neighbor in return.^{2 3} I wish You would destroy every man who uses such deceitful words to flatter his neighbor.⁴ I ask this because these people have said,

“What we say will enable us to acquire all of the things our hearts desire. We can say and do whatever we want, and no one will tell us what we can or cannot do.”

⁵ The LORD is aware of the devastating hurts, heartaches, and losses experienced by those who are being afflicted by these men, and He hears their cries for help. These are people who are in need because these evil men have taken unfair advantage of them. As a result, the LORD has said,

“I will now arise and rescue these unfortunate people, and I will provide the safety and security they ask of me in prayer.”

⁶ When the LORD speaks, we can be assured that His words are true and trustworthy. His words are pure, more pure than silver that has been refined seven times producing a metal that is 99.9999999999 percent pure.⁷ Therefore, I can be assured that the LORD will guard and protect those needy people, and He will keep wicked men from afflicting them throughout this present generation.⁸ This is really important, because when doing wicked and perverted things is considered acceptable by the populace, wicked people proudly strut around boasting of their evil deeds, confident that they will not be caught or punished by law enforcement.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,” the name “Lord Jesus” has been used.

² Definition of “Flattery” www.dictionary.com/browse/flattery