

PSALM 12 – Man’s Treachery and God’s Constancy!

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“Near to the Heart of God” – Cleland McAfee; Joslin Choral

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God; A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God; Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God; A place where we our Savior meet Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God; A place where all is joy and peace Near to the heart of God.

Psalm 12 – A psalm of David. While we’re not told, the time of the writing of the psalm, it is thought by some to be when David was being pursued by Saul. It may refer to the horrible situation involving Doeg the Edomite (*1 Samuel 21-22*), who misled Saul in reporting fleeing David’s encounter with Ahimelech at Nob, which resulted in the killing of 85 innocent priests and the whole city of Nob. David would later say. *1Sa 22:22-23 So David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the death of all the persons of your father's house. [23] Stay with me; do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you shall be safe."*

PSALM 12 – Good Thoughts in Bad Times! The Faithful Have Vanished - To the Chief Musician. On An Eight-Stringed Harp. A Psalm of David.

Verses 1-2 David spreads his complaint before the LORD concerning the treachery of his age.

Psa 12:1 Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

- David, in sensing his own inability to deal with such ungodly sons of Belial, turns himself to his all-sufficient Helper and cries out!
- **Help LORD** – what a great cry for us, frequently, in any time and in any situation!
- **Help** is never denied to His servants. His aid is always enough for all our needs!

Psa 12:2 They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

- The present times always appear to be peculiarly dangerous, because they are nearest to our anxious gaze, while the faults of the past are further off, more easily overlooked. Yet we expect in the latter days because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold. So, we must more thoroughly turn from man and look to our LORD!
- They speak false and hollow, saying one thing while meaning another. Being double hearted and double minded, there is no trusting in what they say.

Verses 3-4 David denounces judgment on proud traitors.

Psa 12:3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things,

Psa 12:4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?"

- Total destruction shall overwhelm the lovers of flattery and pride, but how they bully, badger and intimidate – like raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame!
- Man cannot tame the tongues of such boastful flatterers, but the LORD’s sharp remedy is sure, being an unanswerable answer to the words of flattery and vanity.

Verse 5 Jehovah, Himself, thunders out His wrath against His oppressors.

Psa 12:5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

- Nothing moves a father like the cries of his children!
- What virtue there is in poor man’s sighs!
- Man’s extremity is God’s opportunity!
- Jesus will come to deliver just when His needy ones shall sigh, as if all hope has gone forever!

Verses 6-7 Hearing this, the Chief Musician sings sweetly of the faithfulness of God and His care of His people.

Psa 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

Psa 12:7 You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

- What a contrast between the vain words of man and the pure words of God!
- *Purified seven times* - An illusion to the most severely purifying process known at that time, resulting in the greatest possible purity! Clear and free from all error or unfaithfulness is the word of the LORD!
- What God's words are, the words of His children should be!
- Our daily prayer should be that we arise over the dark and dying world as the mountain tops above the clouds, pointing heavenward above the mist of ignorance and sin, which are all around us!

Verse 8 David laments as he observes the abounding wickedness of his times.

Psa 12:8 The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

- David expresses confidence in God, in His faithful word and promises, but he sees a state of things where God should interpose for the righteous seemed to have failed out of the earth and the wicked seemed to be ascending.

SUMMARY:

- **Help LORD!** is a great and necessary great cry for us, frequently, in any time and in any situation!
- **The LORD** never denies **Help** to His servants. His aid is always enough for all our needs!
- We cannot tame the tongues of such boastful flatterers and vain sayers, but the LORD can and does!
- **"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."** Nothing moves a father like the cries of his children! What virtue there is in poor man's sighs! Man's extremity is God's opportunity! Jesus will come to deliver just when His needy ones shall sigh, as if all hope has gone forever!
- What a contrast between the vain words of man and the pure words of God! What God's words are, the words of His children should be! Our daily prayer should be that we arise over the dark and dying world as the mountain tops above the clouds, pointing heavenward above the mist of ignorance and sin, which are all around us!
- We are to always turn to the word of God whenever we are disheartened by the word of man!

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL – Bliss/Stafford – Billy Graham Crusade Choir 2:36

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say. It is well, it is well, with my soul

Refrain: It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

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