

Text: **Psalm 12**

**AUTHORSHIP**

(Superscription)

This Psalm is attributed to King David.

**FEATURES OF THE PSALM**

1. A meditation
2. A prayer
3. Imprecatory elements to be noted

**CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN PRAYER**

1. A prayer for help (Psalm 12:1a)
2. The demise of godly men (Psalm 12:1b)
3. The loss of faithful men (Psalm 12:1c)

**OBSERVATIONS BROUGHT TO GOD IN PRAYER**

1. The ungodly
  - a) They speak idly everyone with his neighbour (Psalm 12:2a)
  - b) They speak with flattering lips (Psalm 12:2b)
  - c) And a double heart they speak (Psalm 12:2c)
2. An urgent prayer raised  
(Imprecatory element noted)
  - a) May the LORD cut off all flattering lips (Psalm 12:3a)
  - b) And the tongue that speaks proud things (Psalm 12:3b)
    - i) With our tongues we will prevail (Psalm 12:4a)
    - ii) Our lips are our own; who is lord over us? (Psalm 12:4b)

## **THE RESPONSE OF THE LORD**

1. To the oppression of the poor (Psalm 12:5a)
2. The sighing of the needy (Psalm 12:5b)
3. Now I will arise (Psalm 12:5c)
4. I will set him in the safety  
For which he yearns (Psalm 12:5d)

## **DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

1. In contrast to the words of men
2. Things to appreciate about the Word of the LORD
  - a) The words of the LORD are pure words (Psalm 12:6a)
  - b) Like silver tried in a furnace of fire (Psalm 12:6b)
  - c) Purified seven times (Psalm 12:6c)
3. You shall keep them, O LORD (Psalm 12:7a)
4. You shall preserve them from this generation forever (Psalm 12:7b)

## **SOBER CONSCIOUSNESS**

1. The wicked  
They prowl on every side (Psalm 12:8a)
2. Vileness  
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men (Psalm 12:8b)