

# Psalm 12

**The theme of this Psalm is the proud and lying words of people verses the true and pure words of the Creator God. There is also a call for protection against those who try to manipulate us.**

Seeking to live a life of a Christian and servant of Jesus Christ in a deceitful world can be a difficult and lonely battle.

**Psalms 12:1** [NIV] *“Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.”*

**1 Kings 19:3-4, 14, 18** [NIV] *“Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day’s journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, LORD,’ he said. ‘Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’” ... “He replied, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.’” ... “Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”*

At one time even the great prophet of God Elijah felt so lonely he wanted to die, but God told him he was **not** alone, that there were 7,000 other faithful servants of God.

**We are never alone in our battle against evil. To encourage Elijah God did two things, He revealed Himself as a God who deals gently with human beings [verses 11-13] inspite of His power and majesty.**

**God also then gave Elijah a specific job of work to do.**

**This is a good example of what we should ask God to do for us if we feel alone in our struggle to live a Christian life.**

**Psalms 12:2-4** [NIV] *“Everyone lies to his neighbour; their flattering lips speak with deception. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue that says, ‘We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips, who is our master?’”*

God does **not** overlook lies, flattery, deception or boasting. Each of these sins originates from an evil attitude that is eventually expressed in our speech.

**James 3:5-6** [NIV] *“Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”*

The tongue is a powerful weapon for good but also for evil. We dare not be careless with what we say, thinking we can apologise later because even if we do the scars remain. **A few words spoken in anger can destroy a relationship that took years to build.**

**Satan uses the tongue to divide people and pit them against one another.**

**James 3:7-11** [NIV] *“All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?”*

Our speech reflects our true character.

**The tongue gives us a clear picture of the true identity of a person.**

**Romans 12:2** [NIV] *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**God works to change us from the inside out by a re-educating of our minds and hearts that govern our actions.**

**Psalms 12:5** [NIV] *“‘Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise,’ says the LORD. ‘I will protect them from those who malign them.’”*

**God cares for the weak and needy.** Here the Creator God promises to protect the downtrodden and confront their oppressors.

Every Christian should identify with God’s attitude, our work is **not** done until we have cared for the needs of the poor, both physically and spiritually.

**Amos 8:11-12** [NIV] *“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Sovereign LORD, ‘when I will send a famine through the land, not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.’”*

**The “spiritually” poor are those who are starved of God’s Word, the Christian Bible.**

This website is seeking to feed such people with spiritual food [**John 6:32-35, 38, 50, 58**] the very words of Jesus Christ, Who is the bread and water of eternal life.

Please help us do this by telling other people of this website. Thank you.

**Psalms 12:6** [NIV] *“And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.”*

Sincerity and truth are extremely valuable because they are so rare among human beings. Many people are deceivers, liars, flatterers, they think they will get what they want by deception.

When we feel as though sincerity and truth have nearly gone out of existence, we still have one hope, the Word of God, the Christian Bible.

**God’s Words are as flawless as refined silver, so we must listen carefully when He speaks to us.**

**Psalms 12:7-8** [King James] *“Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.”*

God will protect His Word, the Christian Bible and the promises He has made within its pages for every generation, inspite of all the evil that humans do being exalted in the society we as Christians have to live, [**Isaiah 59:7; 1 Peter 5:8**]