



# TALKING WITH GOD

USING THE PSALMS FOR PRAYER

# Psalm 12

Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone;  
for the faithful have vanished from among the  
children of man.

Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

# Psalm 12

May the Lord cut off all flattering lips,  
the tongue that makes great boasts,  
those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail,  
our lips are with us; who is master over us?”

# Psalm 12

“Because the poor are plundered, because the needy  
groan,

I will now arise,” says the Lord;

“I will place him in the safety for which he longs.”

The words of the Lord are pure words,  
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.

# Psalm 12

You, O Lord, will keep them;  
you will guard us from this generation forever.  
On every side the wicked prowl,  
as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

# Who appears to be winning?

- “Everyone utters lies to his neighbor” v.2 idle words
- “Flattering lips and have a double heart” v.2 feel good words
- “Tongue that makes great boasts” v.3 deceitful words
- “Our tongue will prevail” v.4 malicious words
- “Who is master over us?” v.4 boastful words



# Who are the ones to suffer in this society?

- “Poor are plundered”, “Needy groan” Examples:
- Believers who choose to isolate themselves from fellowship of other believers.
- Believers who rather follow advice from the world rather than obey what Scripture has to say.
- Believers who give up rather than to fight in the spiritual battle.



# How can I discern between the truth from the lies?

- Lies will accommodate some truth but always mixed to lead away from the pure truth.
- Lies seek to make one feel better by avoid dealing with the heart change.
- Lies will make you believe you are in charge when in reality you are in bondage to a sin.
- Knowing God's truth is the absolute test to discern between truth and lies.



**HOW TO TALK TO GOD**



# Qualities of God's truth no matter where found

- Pure – no deceit just truth
- Proven – shown to be reliable for all of eternity
- Powerful – able to pierce into smallest human depths
- Practical – deals with today's reality



# How do I pray when I am in the midst of opposition?

- Ask God to place me in a safe mindset in order to focus on Him v.5
- Ask God to fill me with His truth v.6
- Be honest about what I see around me and how that affects me v.8
- Tell God that I trust Him and not myself to guide me v.7



When I feel the opposition is so great I...