

Psalm 012 - Contrast Between Human and Divine Words

Psalm 12

[To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.]

Human and Divine Words Contrasted

1 Help, LORD, for the godly person has come to an end, For the faithful have disappeared from the sons of mankind.

1 Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases to be, For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

1 Help, LORD, for godly people no longer exist; trustworthy people have disappeared from humanity.

1 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak lies to one another; They speak with flattering lips and a double heart.

2 They speak falsehood to one another; With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

2 Everyone speaks lies to his neighbor; they speak with flattering lips and hidden motives.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

- The faithful cry out due to the apparent dearth of faithful leaders (1 Kings 18:22; 19:10,18; Is 57:1; Micah 7:1-7)

3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, The tongue that speaks great things;

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3 The LORD will cut off all slippery lips, and the tongue that boasts great things,

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

- Flattery is manipulation

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

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4 those who say, "By our tongues we will prevail; our lips belong to us. Who is master over us?"

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

5 "Because of the devastation of the poor, because of the groaning of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will put him in the safety for which he longs."

5 "Because of the devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he longs."

5 "Because the poor are being oppressed, because the needy are sighing, I will now arise," says the LORD, "I will establish in safety those who yearn for it."

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words; Like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, filtered seven times.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

6 The words of the LORD are pure, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times over.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 You, LORD, will keep them; You will protect him from this generation forever.

7 You, O LORD, will keep them; You will preserve him from this generation forever.

7 You, LORD, will keep them safe, you will guard them from this generation forever.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked strut about on every side When vileness is exalted among the sons of mankind.

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8 The wicked, however, keep walking around, exalting the vileness of human beings.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.