

## *Psalm 12 (ASV)*

<sup>1</sup>Help, Jehovah; for the godly man ceaseth;  
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.  
<sup>2</sup>They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor:  
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.  
<sup>3</sup>Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips,  
The tongue that speaketh great things;  
<sup>4</sup>Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;  
Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?  
<sup>5</sup>Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy,  
Now will I arise, saith Jehovah;  
I will set him in the safety he panteth for.  
<sup>6</sup>The words of Jehovah are pure words;  
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,  
Purified seven times.  
<sup>7</sup>Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,  
Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.  
<sup>8</sup>The wicked walk on every side,  
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Study the Psalm and fill in the categories as Scripture reveals.

**God/His Word:**

**God will:**

**I will:**

**Believers:**

**Wicked are:**

**Wicked do/will:**

### *Prayer*

Dear Father God, Protector of the faithful, Elohim Shomri (God My Protector)- You are righteous and just. You see all deeds committed by the wicked against Your people. When my heart is cast downward, help me remember that You are Almighty God and I can trust You.

Remind me not to be afraid or take anything into my own hands but to leave everything with You. Arise and protect Your people forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Reflection

Use the link below to create your own word cloud with words that represent who God is to you, or you can make a list.

Find another verse in the Bible (not in Psalms) that reminds you that God will protect us and/or bring us peace.

Think about the things that dig at you the deepest. Write it down on a sticky note or index card—make a list if it is more than one thing. Put that list on a sticky note and put it in your Bible with the scripture you wrote down above. The next time you are upset about it—pull out your sticky note and scripture and pray for God to bring you peace.

## Response

This morning, before I read this Psalm, I cried and allowed an ongoing, hurtful circumstance to temporarily squash my joy and steal my faith. I was ready to take charge of the situation. Thank You, God, for my husband. He saw clearly what was happening and helped me recognize it, too. He reminded me that I need to trust You.

Philippians 4:7-9 (NASB1995) comes to mind.

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

You are faithful now, as you have been throughout my life. Let me not worry about what people say and do. Fill me with Your peace. When the darkness of the world tries to creep in, fill me with what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, and worthy of praise—You!

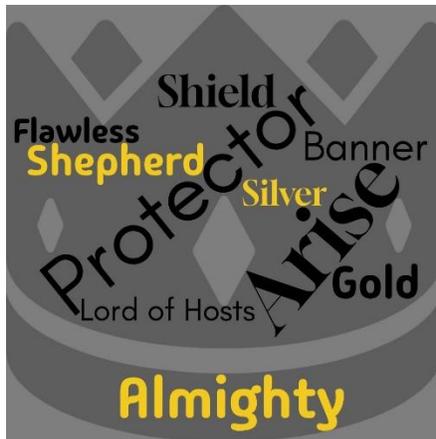
## Guest Response

Psalm 12 resonates with me deeply in our current times. With angry words, violence, and fear engulfing us everywhere, it truly appears that “those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.” Truth seems difficult to find. I pray the Lord will show up in a big way, one that causes all who are spewing to go silent. I pray He moves in His power, causing all dark spirits to cower and flee. His words and promises are what we all need to know that we are safe - safe with Him forever. It is His words and promises alone that I cling to, like an anchor that keeps me secure in His harbor.

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