

PRAYING PSALM 12

“Help Lord...the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men” (Psalm 12:1).

1. THE PROBLEM (1-2). The faithful were disappearing; the proud were lying to themselves and each other with flattering lips, and it oppressed the poor. 2. THE PRAYER. David asked God to silence them (3-4). 3. THE ANSWER (5-7). God promised to silence the ungodly and rescue the poor. David then proclaimed the words of God are as pure as silver tried in the fire. 4. THE WARNING (8). God will keep His promise, even though the wicked strut about praising their evil.

Problems with ungodly people have no immediate solution. All we can do is keep praying. God will bring justice in time. When you pray against the ungodly, you align yourself with the eternal purposes of God. Although relief may not be imminent, it will come when Jesus comes. Jesus said that when He comes there will be little faith on the earth. “And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though he bears long with them? I tell you He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when He comes, will He really find faith on the earth” (Luke 18:7-8)? Though we wait long for justice, our prayers are heard. Unanswered prayers for justice are held in Heaven. They are described as “golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints” (Revelation 5:8). When Jesus opens the seals of judgment, those prayers will be answered (Revelation 6). Don’t give up. Keep on praying. When the Son of Man comes, let Him find faith in you.