

Psalm 12

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Genevan Psalter, 1542
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1. Help us, O LORD, the god - ly all have van - ished;
2. O may the LORD cut off the lips that flat - ter,
3. **Be - cause they all de - spoil the poor and need - y**
4. The words of pro - mise which the LORD has spo - ken
5. O LORD, pro - tect us from this gen - er - a - tion;

Gone are the faith - ful who Thy judg - ments seek.
And those who say, "Our tongue makes us suc - ceed!"
I will a - rise and right My peo - ple's wrong;
Are pur - est sil - ver se - ven times re - fined.
For - e - ver save us from their ways of sin.

Men lie to one an - oth - er, truth is ban - ished;
Hear how in van - i - ty they proud - ly chat - ter,
I hear their groans and will de - stroy the greed - y,
His cov - 'nant stands from age to age un - bro - ken;
They strut a - bout, and vile - ness in the na - tion

With flat - tring lips and dou - ble heart they speak.
"Our lips are ours, what mas - ter do we need?"
And grant My own the rest for which they long.
He is our God, in truth and faith en - shrined.
Do they ex - alt a - mong the sons of men.