

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 12 – Words You Can Trust

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 12

Introduction

Sheminith – (also Psalm 6) probably meaning an instrument of eight strings – could also be an octave.

This is a Psalm of David – not sure about the context of this Psalm.

This Psalm is all about words. Words that are spoken by men, contrasted with Words that are spoken by God.

Help, Lord

When you are in trouble the words of men will not help; but the Word of God will always help.

"Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield." -
(Psalm 33:20)

"Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation." - (Psalm 38:22)

"But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God." - (Psalm 40:17)

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance." - (Psalm 42:5)

"Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man." - (Psalm 60:11)

"Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield." - (Psalm 115:11)

the godly man ceaseth; the faithful fail – it certainly seems that way in these perilous times that we are living in, doesn't it? It seems we are surrounded by godlessness in the world, and apathy in the church.

I need help – who can I go to. Can I get help from the words of men; or should I listen to God?

I The Words of Lost (vs. 2 – 4)

See Romans 3:19 - 18

1 empty words

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them. He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity." - (Psalm 10:4-7)

"Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood." - (Psalm 144:7-8)

"I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." - (Ecclesiastes 1:14)

2 flattering words (see also Proverbs 2:10 – 22)

3 lying words – double heart

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." - (James 1:8)

4 proud words – see 2 Timothy 3:1 – 5

The words of the lost do not acknowledge God.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." - (Psalm 14:1)

II The Words of the Lord (vs. 5 – 8)

See Psalm 19:7 -10; 14

1 God's Word is eternal

2

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." - (Matthew 24:35)

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." - (Psalm 119:89)

2 God's Word is profitable

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." - (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." - (Psalm 119:9)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." - (Psalm 119:105)

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." - (Psalm 119:165)

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." - (Psalm 119:11)

3 God's Word is alive

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." - (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

4 Only God's Word can save

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." - (1 Peter 1:23)

5 God's Word is preserved in this King James Bible

Purified seven times – The King James translators used 6 previous Bibles primarily in their translation of the King James Bible - Tyndale's, Matthew's, Coverdale's, the Great Bible (printed by Whitechurch), the

Geneva Bible, the Bishops' Bible - thus making the King James the seventh.