

THE POWER OF WORDS

PSALM 12

Introduction:

The ability to communicate through speech is a sign that we are created in the image of God. It is a wonderful gift. It is a powerful gift. Much of the evil in the world can be traced to the words of some wicked man.

There are three voices speaking words in our Psalm. Each demonstrates the power of words.

- I. THE WORDS OF THE WICKED AFFLICT THE FAITHFUL. (v. 2-4)
 1. They speak lying words.
 2. They speak flattering words.
 3. They speak boastful words.
- II. THE WORDS OF PRAYER MOVE GOD TO HELP. (v. 1, 3)
 1. They speak directly to God.
 2. They speak specifically to God.
- III. THE WORDS OF GOD SAVE THE WEAK. (v. 5-7)
 1. He speaks a word of promise.
 2. He keeps His word of promise.

Conclusion:

When we hear the words of the wicked, we pray. When we hear the word of God, we trust. Our words should always be like the words of God—trustworthy. It is the delight of the Lord to hear our words of petition.