

Lament Divine Pivot

Psalms of David · Book I

"For the choir director, upon the eighth, a Psalm of David"

PICTURE WORD

Silver

IN ONE SENTENCE



When lies and flattery fill the land, the LORD promises to rise for the needy, and his pure words last.

Remember it: Psalm Twelve: men's words are cheap; God's words are seven-times silver.

MEMORY VERSE

The words of Yahweh are pure words
like silver refined in a furnace on the earth
purified seven times

Psalm 12:6 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

אִמְרוֹת

"words" · verse 6

In the Psalms: 26 times, in 7 psalms

אִמְרוֹת, "words" or "sayings," comes from the common verb "to say." Here it means God's promises. Human lips flatter and lie, but God's sayings are like silver refined seven times: completely pure, with no impurity left.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–4 The faithful vanish while lies and boasting fill the land.
- 5 The LORD promises to rise for the oppressed and needy.
- 6–8 God's pure words endure though the wicked strut about.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 12 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/12.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress

God's Word

FILL IN THE BLANKS

When lies and _____ fill the land, the LORD promises to rise for the
_____, and his _____ words last.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. How do the people in verse 2 speak?

(A) With honest hearts

(B) With flattering lips and a double heart

(C) With few words

(D) In foreign tongues

2. How many times is the silver purified?

(A) Three times

(B) Twelve times

(C) Seven times

(D) Once

3. Why does the LORD say he will arise?

(A) Because of the oppression of the weak

(B) Because the king asked

(C) Because of a famine

(D) Because of the temple

TALK IT OVER

1. What do the boasters claim about their own lips in verse 4?

2. What does the picture of refined silver say about God's word?

3. Where do you hear flattery and spin today, and how do you test what is true?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 12 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 6 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: flattery · needy · pure · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 2) · 2. C (v. 6) · 3. A (v. 5)