**3/19/23 Another Encouraging Message From God! Psalm 12**

* Can anybody say Thank You Lord for being there when I need You!
* As we study scriptures, we find that God has addressed and provided answers to our questions that tend to concern us daily.
* David provides a model for passing a spiritual hearing test; that genuine disciples should listen to and properly respond.
* The psalm begins and ends with the reality of the current reign of the ungodly.

**1. Things sometimes look bleak.**

* Things are not looking good for those who have no hope.
* David cries out to the Lord for His help because he is in distress.
* David basically says that the loyal have disappeared from the human race.
* The seemingly absence of the righteous had created a void that had been filled by corruption and hypocrisy ruled the day.

**Psalms 5:9; 12:1-4; Isaiah 30:9-11**

**2. God displays tender mercies.**

* Instead of God giving us what we deserve, He give us what we don’t deserve.
* Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning!
* God vows to act to help the needy and the poor.
* The purity of God’s person assures the purity of His promises!
* Paul's challenge to Timothy was to be faithful to what he had been taught and to remember why he could trust what he had been taught.

**Psalms 12:5-6, 19:7–10, 30:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Ephesians 6:17**

**3. God’s Word is a shield of protection!**

* God defends all who come to him for protection.
* To add to God’s Word is to deny God as the standard of truth.
* God is faithful to keep His promises and preserve those He loves from those who bring harm by deceptive words.

**Proverbs 5:6; 30:5-6; Gen. 2:16-17; 3:2-3; 2 Samuel 22:31,**

**Psalms 12:7-8**