

PSALM

12 Help, LORD, for godly men are few

(Dmaj7 Bm7 Em) D A D F#m Bm7

1 Help, LORD, for god - ly men are few; the faith-ful van - ish
 2 They've said, "Our tongue can win the day; words are our strength - who
 3 The say - ings of the LORD are pure, like sil - ver smelt - ed

F#m C#7 F#m A7 D D7 G

from man - kind. Men to their neigh - bours false - ly speak; smooth
 is our lord?" But says the LORD, "Now I will a - rise and
 sev - en times. You, LORD, in - deed will keep us safe, you'll

(Em6 Em) B Em G A7 Bm Am

speech and dou - ble talk are theirs. O may the LORD cut
 for the plun - dered poor will act, and for the need - y
 ev - er guard us from this race. The wick - ed free - ly

D7 G Em D G D

off such lips, the tongue that speaks so boast - ful - ly!
 who la - ment; I'll grant the safe - ty which they crave."
 strut a - bout when vile - ness is es - teemed by men.

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