

PSALM

# 12 Help, LORD, for godly men are few

(Dma<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em) D A D F<sup>#</sup>m Bm<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>#</sup>m C<sup>#</sup>7 F<sup>#</sup>m A<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> 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

(Em<sup>6</sup> Em) B Em G A<sup>7</sup> 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

D<sup>7</sup> 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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