

Central Idea: God’s true word is greater than the world’s lies.

I. David’s Words of Despair (1)

- Cry for Help
 - “Help, Lord” - nothing fancy, a simply stated request
- Reason the Help is Needed
 - Godly, faithful people have gone extinct
 - David feels like the only person left following God
 - Not alone in this: Elijah (1 Ki. 19:10), Isaiah (Isa. 57:1), Jeremiah (Jer. 5:1), Micah (Mic. 7:1-7)

II. The Wicked’s Words of Deception (2-4)

- Characteristics of Their Speech
 - Falsehood
 - Lying is a major characteristic of the whole generation
 - Not just untrue, but also empty and insincere
 - Flattery
 - There is a corrupt, evil motive behind their words
 - They use their words to manipulate others
 - Plays on one’s ego and desire for importance
- Double-Speak
 - How they flatter and deceive
 - Artificially evasive, used to hide their true intentions
- Boasting
 - Impress others with their eloquence and vocabulary
 - An outward expression of pride
 - Displayed by their own words (v. 4)
 - They believe they can accomplish anything this way
 - They believe they can do whatever they please
 - They believe they will not be held accountable for it

III. God’s Words of Deliverance (5-8)

- Why God Acts
 - The weak are being oppressed and He is just
- What God Says He’ll Do
 - A direct quote, and authoritative promise, from God
 - He will act on behalf of the afflicted
 - He’ll deliver them and provide the safety they desire
- David’s Description of God’s Words
 - They are pure and reliable, unlike the wicked’s
 - Like thoroughly refined silver
 - They are flawless, precious, valuable, and perfect
- David’s Confidence in God’s Words
 - Because of their purity and trustworthiness
 - David knows God will keep and preserve His people
 - Even though the situation hasn’t changed
 - Calls on the godly to oppose the wicked and follow God

Application:

- Know that God Keeps His Word
 - He promised to deliver the faithful, we can trust He’ll do so
- Know that God Sent the Word
 - It is through the Word (Jesus) that we find salvation
- Teach God’s Word to Others
 - To unbelievers, so they may know the truth and be saved
 - To believers, so they can discern God’s truth from the lies

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you see Jesus in this Psalm?
- How does David’s simple prayer in verse 1 encourage you?
- Why is it important to know the deceptive tactics of the world?
- What do you learn about God’s words from their description?