

Sermon Notes

Surrounded and Struggling... but Safe

Psalm 12

Introduction: the “sandwich structure” of Psalm 12:

- v. 1: Surrounded and struggling [and the plea for **salvation**]
 - vv. 2-4: The words of *the wicked*
 - v. 5: **The LORD's response** [and the promise of **safety**]
 - vv. 6-7: The words of *the LORD*
- v. 8: Surrounded and struggling [but things are *not* **the same!**]

1. Surrounded and struggling (vv. 1 & 8)
 - a. The godly “gone”?
 - b. The wicked on every side
 - c. The plea for salvation: *will we ask?*
2. A war of words (vv. 2-4 & 6-7)
 - a. The words of *the wicked* (vv. 2-4)
 - b. The words of *the LORD* (vv. 6-7)
 - c. The faithful “amen”: *will we believe?*
3. The LORD's response (v. 5)
4. **Conclusion:** *What's changed?*