

Daily Devotional, August 28, 2020

“Help, LORD, for the Godly Man Ceases”, (Psalm 12:1, NKJV)

“Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.” (Psalm 12:1)

Three thousand years ago, David prayed this prayer. And we still pray this prayer today. Notice the simplicity and brevity of the prayer. “**Help.**” Our words to God don’t need to be many, and they don’t need to be flowery. They just need to be heartfelt and to the point. Let us never think that we can convince God of our own righteousness through cleverness of speech and argument, lest the Lord laugh from His heavenly throne. We see for what cause it is that David seeks divine help. “**The godly man ceases.**” David once knew godly men in abundance, but they had become few and far between. He wonders that “**the faithful disappear.**” Those who seemed faithful were in truth not faithful at all, and they showed their true colors with a disappearing act when things got tough.

Things have not changed much in three millennia. Some people believe that people are basically good, and through human progressivism, men and their conditions can be made better. That’s not what my Bible says in **Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9, and Romans 3:10-12**. Human beings are made better by divine intervention and spiritual regeneration, not by human anything. “**There is nothing new under the sun**” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The true faithful servants of God are the minority. They are the “**few**” who enter by the “**narrow gate**” (Matthew 7:13-14). Let us thank God for and encourage those godly men and women that we know. And let’s be one of them, and walk among them. “**The** (falsely professing) **faithful disappear**” when troubling days come, but the truly faithful redouble their spiritual efforts and seek personal revival, and revival in their midst. Are you bothered by the lack of godly folks today, even among the professing church? God does not expect you to go it alone any more than He expected David to. Perhaps He may raise up “**thirty mighty men**” (2 Samuel 23:8,13) as light bearers to the dark and regressive world. Pray, “**Help, LORD**”. And stay the path.