

# תהלים יב

## TEHILIM 12

When it seems that wickedness is taking greater hold in the world around us, this psalm assures us that Hashem will preserve us and guard us.

**Lam'natze-ach al hash'minit**

*For the conductor, on the eight-stringed harp,*

**mizmor l'David:**

*a psalm by David:*

**Hoshiah Adonai**

*Save, O Adonai,*

**ki gamar chasid**

*for gone is the righteous one*

**ki fasu emunim mib'nei adam.**

*for honest people have vanished from humankind.*

**Shav y'dab'ru ish et re-ehu,**

*Each person speaks falsehood to their neighbor,*

**s'fat chalakot,**

*a lip of smooth talk,*

**b'lev valev y'daberu.**

*with an insincere heart do they speak.*

**Yachret Adonai**

*May Adonai cut off*

**kol siftei chalakot,**

*all lips of smooth talk,*

**lashon m'daberet g'dolot.**

*the tongue which speaks arrogantly.*

**Asher am'ru lil-shonenu nagbir,**

*Those who have said, because of our tongues we shall prevail,*

**s'fateinu itanu mi adon lanu.**

*our lips are with us, who is a master over us?*

**Mishod aniyim,**

*Because of the plundering of the poor,*

**me-enkat evyonim**

*because of the cry of the needy,*

**atah akum**

*I will now arise,*

**yomar Adonai,**

*says Adonai,*

**ashit b'yasha yafi-ach lo.**

*I will set the one in safety from those who sneer at them.*

**Im'rot Adonai**

*The words of Adonai*

**amarot t'horot,**

*are words that are pure,*

לְמַנְצַח עַל הַשְּׁמִינִית

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד:

הוֹשִׁיעָה יְהוָה

כִּי גָמַר חָסִיד

כִּי פָסוּ אֱמוּנִים מִבְּנֵי אָדָם.

שׁוֹא יִדְבְּרוּ אִישׁ אֶת רֵעֵהוּ,

שִׁפְתַּי חֲלָקוֹת,

בְּלֵב וּלְבַב יִדְבְּרוּ.

יִכְרֵת יְהוָה יֵאֱהוּנְהִי

כָּל שִׁפְתֵי חֲלָקוֹת,

לְשׁוֹן מְדַבֶּרֶת גְּדִלוֹת.

אֲשֶׁר אָמְרוּ לְלִשְׁנֵנוּ נִגְבִּיר,

שִׁפְתֵינוּ אֶתָּנוּ מִי אֲדוֹן לָנוּ.

מִשֹּׁד עֲנִיִּים,

מֵאֲנַקַּת אֲבִיוֹנִים

עֲתָה אֲקוּם

יֵאֱמַר יְהוָה יֵאֱהוּנְהִי,

אֲשִׁית בְּיַשְׁע יְפִיחַ לוֹ.

אֲמָרוֹת יְהוָה יֵאֱהוּנְהִי

אֲמָרוֹת טְהוֹרוֹת,

**kesef tzaruf ba-alil la-aretz,**  
*like silver that is purified, clear to the earth,*  
**m'zusak shivatayim.**

*refined seven times.*

**Atah Adonai tishm'rem,**  
*You will guard them, Adonai,*

**titz'renu min hador zu l'olam.**

*You will preserve each one from such a generation forever.*

**Saviv r'sha-im yit-halachun,**

*As the wicked walk on every side,*

**k'rum zulut liv'nei adam.**

*when degradation is exalted among humankind.*

כֶּסֶף צָרוּף בְּעֵלִיל לְאָרֶץ,  
 מִזְזָק שִׁבְעַתַּיִם.  
 אַתָּה יְהוָה יֵאֱהוּנְהִי תִשְׁמְרֵם,  
 תִּצְרְנֵנוּ מִן הַדּוֹר זֶ לְעוֹלָם.  
 סָבִיב רְשָׁעִים יִתְהַלְכוּן,  
 כָּרֻם זְלוּת לְבְנֵי אָדָם.