



# Compass

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## PSALM 12 KJV

Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. <sup>2</sup> They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. <sup>3</sup> The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: <sup>4</sup> Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? <sup>5</sup> For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. <sup>6</sup> The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. <sup>8</sup> The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

## God Will Fight Our Battles!

There will come a time in each person's life when they will face a battle, and the only response left within them is to cry out. This cry may be a single plea for what they need, or it can become a turning point that leads them either toward improvement or decline. Whether they get better or worse depends on who they are directing their cry to.

The psalmist cried out, "Help, Lord." He recognized that what was observed and spoken was not of God, and trusted that God would not leave the battle solely in their hands. The Lord says, "I will set in safety at whom they puff." Today, the enemy threatens much like the wolf in the story of the three pigs, huffing and puffing to instill fear. Jesus, when confronted by those who came to arrest Him, said, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness" (Luke 22:53).

Just like the psalmist, we can turn to God as our defense. God will arise and fight our battles, protecting us from dangers both seen and unseen. Although we may experience moments when the enemy appears to have the advantage, God will not allow harm to come to His people unless it serves a meaningful purpose in our hearts and lives. One important reason for dedicating more time to reading and studying the Word of God is that Scripture serves as the means through which God offers us protection and shelter. By engaging ourselves in His Word, we find guidance, assurance, and a safe place amid life's challenges. God intends for all to turn to His Word not only for wisdom but also as a refuge where we can experience His presence and safeguarding care.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CRIED OUT TO THE LORD?  
WHAT LED YOU TO TURN TO GOD DURING THAT TIME, AND  
HOW DID YOU EXPRESS YOUR NEED FOR HIS ASSISTANCE?

During Lent, we reflect on where we seek strength when darkness presses in. Scripture reminds us that God sees, speaks, and acts. Returning to His Word each day helps steady our hearts, guide our choices, and deepen our trust that He stands with us in every trial.



Sunday School Lesson For  
MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday School Title  
GIVING GENEROUSLY

Sunday School Scripture  
DEUTERONOMY 15:4-11;  
MATTHEW 25:42-45

Main Thought

*For the poor shall never  
cease out of the land:  
therefore I command thee,  
saying, Thou shalt open  
thine hand wide unto thy  
brother, to thy poor, and  
to thy needy, in thy land.  
DEUTERONOMY 15:11, KJV*

Closing Prayer

Merciful Father, each day we are confronted with circumstances and challenges that conflict with Your will. As the enemy grows in strength and boldness, we turn to You for guidance and protection. Heavenly Father, we ask that You hear our cry and respond according to Your sovereign will. Grant us the strength and encouragement we need and help us to find comfort and resilience in the Scriptures. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

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