

Help Lord for good and godly men

The Whole booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 12

Edward Blancks (fl. 1590-1620)

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2. Who so doth with his neighbour talk,
his talk is all but vaine:
For every man bethinketh (how)
to flatter, lie and fain.

3. But flattering and deceitful lips,
and tongues that be so stout,
To speak proud words and make great brags,
the Lord soon cuts them out.

4. For they say still we will prevail,
our tongues shall us extoll:
Our tongues be ours we ought to speak
what Lord shall us controll?

5. But for the great complaint and cry
of poor and men oppressed:
Arise will I now said the Lord,
and them restore to rest.

6. Gods word is like to silver pure,
that from the earth is tride:
And hath no less then (seven) times
in fire been purified.

7. Now since thy promise is to help,
Lord keep thy promise then:
And save us now and evermore
from this ill kind of men.

4. For now this wicked world is full
of mischiefs manifold:
When vanity with wordly men
si highly is extolled.

Critical notes:

The setting is similar to the one of Psalm 60;
Text somewhat modernised.