

MORNING MEDIATION

THEME Psalm 12:1-4 - A CALL FOR HELP

TEXT Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. [2] They **speak** vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering **lips** and with a double heart do they **speak**. [3] The Lord shall cut off all flattering **lips**, and the **tongue** that **speaketh** proud things: [4] Who have said, With our **tongue** will we prevail; our **lips** are our own: who is lord over us? *Psalm 12:1-4*

THE 'SETTING'

- the People praise him (*1 Samuel 18:6-16*)
- the King envies him (*1 Samuel 18:9*)
- the King plots against him (*1 Samuel 18:17-25*)
- the LORD protects him (*1 Samuel 28-30*)

THE 'PROBLEM'

when the KING is AGAINST YOU

THE 'SOLUTION'

- And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and *behaved himself wisely*: (*1 Samuel 18:5*)
- And David *behaved himself wisely* in all his ways; and the Lord was with him. (*1 Samuel 18:14*)
- and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David *behaved himself more wisely* than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by. (*1 Samuel 18:30*)

WHAT IS 'BEHAVE' ???

HEBREW **sakal**, saw-kal'; to be, make, or act circumspect (*careful to consider all related circumstances before acting, judging, deciding, etc; careful*) and hence intelligent

WEBSTERS to conduct (oneself) in a correct or proper way; do the right thing(s)

HOW TO 'BEHAVE'

- The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall **hold your peace**. (*Exodus 14:14*)
- Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; **keep the door of my lips**. (*Psalm 141:3*)
- He that **keepeth his mouth keepeth his life**: (*Proverbs 13:3*)
- Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue **keepeth his soul from troubles**. (*Proverbs 21:23*)
- For he that will love life, and see good days, **let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile**: (*1 Peter 3:10*)

THE 'FACTS OF LIFE'

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| • one man's PRAISE is another's SHAME | • one man's BEGINNING is another's ENDING |
| • one man's VICTORY is another's DEFEAT | • one man's ABILITY is another's DEFICIENCY |
| • one man's GAIN is another's LOSS | • one man's DEATH is another's LIFE |

SELECTED VERSES FOR MEDITATION

- God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; **that power belongeth unto God**. (*Psalm 62:11*)
- For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he **putteth down one, and setteth up another**. (*Psalm 75:6-7*)
- **The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord**, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will (*Proverbs 21:1*)
- And he [GOD] changeth the times and the seasons: **he removeth kings, and setteth up kings**: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (*Daniel 2:21*)
- Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: **the powers that be are ordained of God**. (*Romans 13:1*)