

Dealing with *Deceptive* Rhetoric w/o Losing Your Sanctification

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 12 expresses a frequent theme in the Psalter, lament over the challenges of life in a fallen World. Psalm 12 addresses the challenge of deceptive rhetoric (persuasive speech) intended to deceive.*

I. Deceptive rhetoric is _____ and _____

(1-2). *Deceptive rhetoric is EVERYWHERE from advertisements to politics and can be DANGEROUS. This kind of speech often exploits the ambiguities and complexities of language to deceive others.*

II. Despite our _____, deceptive rhetoric is not

_____ **(3-4).** *David was brutally honest in his request even if he was speaking metaphorically.*

III. When deceptive rhetoric makes you weary... (5-8).

David shares three important principles for today's Believer.

A. _____.

*God cares for the oppressed (weak, needy, **and** elderly).*

B. _____.

Don't retaliate. God's Word is a proven resource.

C. _____.

*As long as Jesus tarries, vileness (like deceptive rhetoric) will characterize our World. **But when Jesus returns ...!***