



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Psalm 12; John 8:12-59 (NIV)

"Truth or Lie?"

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<sup>52</sup> At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

<sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. <sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

<sup>57</sup> "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

<sup>58</sup> "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" <sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

### **Psalm 12**

**For the director of music. According to sheminith.  
A psalm of David.**

1. Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore;  
those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.
2. Everyone lies to their neighbor;  
they flatter with their lips  
but harbor deception in their hearts.
3. May the Lord silence all flattering lips  
and every boastful tongue—
4. those who say,  
"By our tongues we will prevail;  
our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?"
5. "Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan,  
I will now arise," says the Lord.  
"I will protect them from those who malign them."
6. And the words of the Lord are flawless,  
like silver purified in a crucible,  
like gold refined seven times.
7. You, Lord, will keep the needy safe  
and will protect us forever from the wicked,
8. who freely strut about  
when what is vile is honored by the human race.