Leader: 1 Help, Yahweh; for the godly man ceases.

For the faithful fail from among the children of men.

Response: **2 Everyone lies to his neighbor.**

**They speak with flattering lips, and with a double heart.**

Leader: 3 May Yahweh cut off all flattering lips,

and the tongue that boasts,

Response: **4 who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail.**

**Our lips are our own.**

**Who is lord over us?”**

Leader: 5 Because of the oppression of the weak and because of the groaning of the needy,

I will now arise,” says Yahweh;

“I will set him in safety from those who malign him.”

Response: **6 Yahweh’s words are flawless words,**

**as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times.**

Leader: 7 You will keep them, Yahweh.

You will preserve them from this generation forever.

Response: **8 The wicked walk on every side,**

**when what is vile is exalted among the sons of men.**