

# Where Are They?

by L.A. Anderson

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*The sermon emphasizes the need for godly and faithful men in our day and encourages believers to follow their example by God's help.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 12:1, 1 Corinthians 1:9, Galatians 5:7, 2 Timothy 2:13, Hebrews 13:8

**Topics:** "Godly Living", "Faithfulness"

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## Description

L.A. Anderson preaches on the urgent cry for godly and faithful men in our day, reflecting on the disappearance of such individuals from previous generations. He emphasizes the importance of godliness and faithfulness, traits that are attainable by all, regardless of gifting. Despite the scarcity of these qualities in today's society, Anderson encourages believers to seek God's help in raising up a new generation of godly and faithful individuals who will walk closely with Jesus.

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## Transcript

(Adapted from an article that appeared in "Scripture Truth", Nov.-Dec., 1960)

Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." (Ps. 12:1)

If the Psalmist allowed this cry to escape from his lips, how much more urgent and necessary is the cry in our day. Where indeed are the gifted men of God, that were serving the Lord a century or so ago? How well we could do with them today; and how we suffer for the lack of such in our midst.

The Psalmist, however, is not concerned with gifts, much as they are to be valued and appreciated, but with godly and faithful men. We may not be gifted as others, but what about godliness and faithfulness? These things are within the reach of the poorest and humblest of Christian men and women.

1. "The godly man ceaseth." His generation seems almost to have disappeared in this our day. Where are those godly brethren and sisters, whom some of us, who are older, remember or at least heard about in our youth? They have gone and their replacement is hard to find. They seem almost to have ceased. Help, Lord! Raise up more of Thy children, who shall carry on this godly line, and who shall live more closely to Thy beloved Son, the Lord Jesus.

2. "The faithful fail." Where are the faithful ones, the men and women, who are prepared to do what is right in the sight of God, cost what it may? Search among the children of men today, even among instructed saints, and see how comparatively few are to be found, prepared to suffer for their faithfulness, in this our

easy-going age. They seem hardly to exist. Help, Lord!

But shall we despair because of the state of things around us, and even among ourselves? No, for "God is faithful," so rather let us be the more fervent, the more real, the more earnest, the more prayerful. Why should we not follow, by God's help, along the lines of the godly and faithful, who lived in days that are past? God is the same. He is unchanging. Is there a valid reason for us to sit down with folded hands, and give up? Cannot we be among the godly and faithful ones, even if others fall out by the way? In the very earliest days the Apostle Paul had to write to some, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?" (Gal. 5:7) Let us never forget that God is faithful, and therefore He can help each of us to be in that company who are "godly" and "faithful."

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