Psalm 120

A song of ascents

1 I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me.

2 Save me, Lord,

from lying lips

and from deceitful tongues.

3 What will he do to you, and what more besides, you deceitful tongue?

4 He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows, with burning coals of the broom bush.

- 5 Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek, that I live among the tents of Kedar!
- 6 Too long have I lived among those who hate peace.
- 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

When tears bring clarity

Verses 1-2 - The Pilgrim's call to God

Verses 3-4 - The Pilgrim's warning to the world

Verses 5-7 - The Pilgrim's lament for himself