PSALM 50 – God the Righteous Judge!

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PSALM 50 – The Lord is represented as summoning the whole earth to hear His declaration, 1-6; He then declares the nature of the worship which He accepts, 7-15; He accuses the ungodly of breaches of the precepts of the second table, 16-21; He closes the court with a word of threatening, 22, and a direction of grace, 23.

PSALM 50 – (vs. 1-6); Koine – (4:30)
The Mighty One and the God the Lord speaks
And summon the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets
From Zion perfect in beauty,
God shines forth God shines forth

Our God comes and will not be silent A fire devours before Him And around Him a tempest rages (3x)

He summons the heaven above and all the earth that He may judge His people Gather to Me My consecrated ones Who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice And the heavens proclaim His righteousness (3x) For God Himself is judge (3x) Selah

God Himself Is Judge - A Psalm of Asaph.

Psa 50:1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, (El Elohim Jehovah) Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.

Psa 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

• That is of course through Jesus Christ. God did shine forth. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" and John was sent to bear witness of that light. "He was not the light but bore witness of the light that is the true light that will shine forth through every man that comes into the world".

Psa 50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

- There are those today that are saying, "Where is the promise of his coming since our fathers have fallen asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning?" But Peter affirms, "the Lord shall come". He is declared in the psalm, "Our Lord shall come"
- And shall not keep silent. The silence of God is a very difficult thing for us today. I have a problem, many times, with the silence of God. I wish God would speak. When I see some of the blasphemies that man is guilty of today, when I read of this gay pride rally that they are proud of it, that is what the scriptures call wantonness. The scripture looks at this as about as low as you can get when you flaunt your things. The thing that problems me is why is God silent? Why doesn't God do something? He will not keep silent. There is a day that our God shall come. A day of judgement is coming.
- *A fire shall devour before him.* That is the great tribulation that will precede the coming of Christ. The next judgement will be a judgement of fire upon the earth. God judged the earth once with a flood and of Noah. He promised that he will never judge with a flood again, but He will judge with a fire.

Psa 50:4 He shall call (speak and summon) to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people:

• In Matthew, "and He shall gather together the nations for judgement" the declaration.

Psa 50:5 ''Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.''

Psa 50:6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge. Selah

- It is interesting to me that as we read the book of Revelation and that coming judgement of God upon the earth during that period that we call the Great Tribulation, during the midst of some of the most devastating parts of the tribulation we hear the "voices from the altar of God" declaring the righteousness of God's judgement. "Holy and righteous are thy judgements O Lord". Over again, through the book of Revelation, we find that in the midst of judgement there will be the declaration of the righteousness of the judgement of God. That comforts me because the Bible is not entirely specific as far as the judgement of God in that future day.
- There is a concern for those that have not had a fair opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, for children who have died. Would it be fair for God to judge those as he would a person who willfully and deliberately turns his back against the Lord and open blasphemy against God? Obviously that wouldn't be fair. God will be fair in the judgement. The Bible does not tell us the final disposition of every case, but it does assure us that he will be righteous and true in his judgements.

Psa 50:7 ''Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God!

- Here is where this particular psalm goes directly now into prophecy as God now speaks to Asaph. It turns to the first person, as do many of the psalms where God himself speaks through the prophet.
- Psa 50:8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me.
 - They were not faithful in those sacrifices and offerings and God said, "I will not reprove you for that".
- Psa 50:9 I will not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your folds.
- Psa 50:10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.
 - God is saying that he is not broke, he does not need your sacrifices, and he won't reprove you for your lack of sacrifices. Every beast of the field is his and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I like this part.
- Psa 50:11 I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

Psa 50:12 ''If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

• I like that. God is not broke. He is not desperate. He is not begging for funds, and he is not dependent upon you to keep him going, though it may appear that way if you watch television. God says, "Look, if I needed something I wouldn't tell you".

Psa 50:13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats?

- Psa 50:14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.
 - In the book of Hebrews it says, "Wherefore let us offer unto God the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips unto the Lord". This is the sacrifice that to God is well pleasing. God is pleased with you just expressing your love, your praise, and your thanksgiving to him.

Psa 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

- That comes now to my estimation, one of the most truest forms of praise. It is that praise that rises spontaneously out of my heart as I see the grace of God manifested towards me, the answers to my prayer. I know that I really do not deserve it, yet God is so good, and he answers prayer and when that happens I say, "O thank you Lord. That is so glorious". I get so overwhelmed with the grace of God. It is just a spontaneous place from my heart which is really the purest form of praise.
- I have great difficulty with that concept of praise to get something. "Let's all praise the Lord in order that he might pour out his blessings on us tonight". That is like flattering a person because you are trying to soften them up for a handout. I find that a little difficult. Do you think that God is not wise to these things? Do you think that you can snow God? You say, "O God you are beautiful. I love you" because you are wanting God now to respond and to bless you. How true of a praise is that? Is it a true praise to God or is it just a desire for something for myself? The true praise is that which is spontaneous just as I see God's goodness and God's love and God's answers to prayer.

Psa 50:16 But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth,

• There are people who are totally opposed to the commandments and statutes. They disregard them completely. "They hate instruction" God said.

Psa 50:17 Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you?

Psa 50:18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers.

• To me this is an interesting thing and Paul brings it up in Romans chapter one he said, "Not only do they do those things that are worthy of death, but they take pleasure in those that do them".

• Here he said, "When you see the thief, you consent with him, and you are a partaker with the adulterer. The movie industry, in its portrayal of crime and adultery, it is called entertainment. It is interesting to me, and I wonder just what kind of a person can be entertained by watching someone being blown away. Who can find entertainment in seeing a person in an adulterous affair, committing adultery on the movies? If you find pleasure in watching the crime, if you get some kind of a thrill out of seeing fornication or adultery portrayed, it is sort of like what Paul said, "you take pleasure in those that do them". You find that pleasurable. As God said, you are actually consenting with them, you become a partaker vicariously in the adultery.

Psa 50:19 You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit.

Psa 50:20 You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son.

Psa 50:21 These things you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes.

- Remember, God is not going to keep silence forever. God is going to come, he is going to judge, and he will not keep silence, verse three. Here, God said, "While you were doing these things I kept silent" (50:21). While things are happening today God is keeping silent. God will not be silent. His reproof and day of judgement is coming.
- *Psa 50:22 ''Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to deliver:*
- Psa 50:23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."
 - Quite a warning that God gives here as he speaks to first of all his people and then to the sinner.
- <u>ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING</u> St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) William Draper (born 1855) Marantha (3:39)
- *Psa 50:23* Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."
- 1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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