

# OUTLINE Psalm 50 – Hypocrisy and the Lord

Pastor Adam Hall ☞ Dryden First Baptist Church ☞ Sept 12, 2021

## A Psalm of Asaph.

**50** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah*

<sup>7</sup> "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

<sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

<sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

<sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?

<sup>17</sup> For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

<sup>18</sup> If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

<sup>19</sup> "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

<sup>20</sup> You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

<sup>21</sup> These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

<sup>22</sup> "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

<sup>23</sup> The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!

## Introduction

- hypocrisy is a huge issue for the church and for many people who observe Christianity

Will Spokes in his article "Why are Christians Hypocrites?" writes:

*Why are Christians such hypocrites? Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?*

*For many people today the plausibility of Christianity is seriously undermined by the failures of Christians and Christian institutions, especially the church, to live in a manner consistent with Christian beliefs. Hypocrisy is a problem, and Christians shouldn't try to cover it up where it's present. Tim Keller defines hypocrisy this way, "an inconsistent person, a person that says one thing; does another, and knows that they are doing something wrong but puts up a front."*

*This objection to Christianity is often tied to the belief that religion of any kind poisons everything.*

- why is there hypocrisy? Because there are people who are claiming to be Christians and they are not and we as Christians are sinful and need the grace of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ !

- Psalm 50 reveals to us two \_\_\_\_\_ of people
- the \_\_\_\_\_ who have received grace by being included in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the LORD
- and the \_\_\_\_\_ who claim to follow the Lord but act in complete wickedness
- this Psalm calls to memory the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Lord has made with His people (the Jews) and then of course the covenant that the Lord makes with us

- Psalm 50 teaches us the importance of authentic \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord!

- this Psalm is attributed to Asaph
- Asaph also wrote Psalms 73-78
- Asaph was a director of singing that worked alongside of David so David was close to Asaph and spent time making music with \_\_\_\_\_
- for all intents and purposes Asaph was a band member with King David

**Nehemiah 12:46** For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were \_\_\_\_\_ of praise and thanksgiving to God.

- this Psalm is often called a Divine Oracle Psalm
- this means that we have God directly \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of God
- in most of the Psalms we have David or someone else speaking on \_\_\_\_\_ of God but here we have God \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to the people of God and to the wicked

### Outline

- 1) (50:1-6) Consecrated Judge
- 2) (50:7-15) Call Upon Me
- 3) (50:16-21) Complete Wickedness
- 4) (50:22-23) Consider This

### 1) (50:1-6) Consecrated Judge

(50:1) The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- literally in the Hebrew it reads “the God of gods the \_\_\_\_\_!”
- in verse 1 we have a three word \_\_\_\_\_ up for God
- the first word is the \_\_\_\_\_ word used for God (the Mighty One), then we have the word for God that is used in the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament and then we have the relational name for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Yahweh)
- Asaph really wants to get the point across that the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ God over all gods
- this name for God, “the Mighty One God the Lord”, is used \_\_\_\_\_ other time in the Bible
- this instance is found in the book of \_\_\_\_\_, it was used after the people of God settled in the \_\_\_\_\_ land

**Joshua 22:22** "The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The \_\_\_\_\_ One, God, the LORD! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the LORD

- God “speaks” and this shows that He is a \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful God

- but the Lord also “summons the earth”; this means that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ the people of the earth to \_\_\_\_\_ for their actions and behavior
- note that the phrase “from the rising of the sun to its setting” is used to speak about the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of the judgment of God
- the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people of God and as well, the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all creation and \_\_\_\_\_ people!

**(50:2) Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

- the Lord calls and summons people out of Zion which is the \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord dwelt
- the Lord dwelt among His \_\_\_\_\_ in the land of Israel and specifically in the Tabernacle and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem
- the Lord “shines forth” and this reveals that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_!
- the Lord shines forth because He is a God of light, purity, \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty

**(50:3) Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**

- the Lord comes in judgment and this is a \_\_\_\_\_ event
- but do you also see how this coming \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is described? Do you see what accompanies the arrival judgement!  
1) Fire and 2) Tempest (Storm)
- the words “\_\_\_\_\_” and “tempest” ought to make us think back to other times when the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His judgment
- you might think back to the glory of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God on the mountain in the book of Exodus in chapter 19
- quoting the book of Deuteronomy, the author of \_\_\_\_\_ writes something similar about the Lord
- Hebrews 12:29** for our God is a consuming \_\_\_\_\_.
- fire symbolizes His \_\_\_\_\_ but also His \_\_\_\_\_ as we see with Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10 and with Korah and company in Numbers 16!

**(50:4) He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

- do you see the judgment of God? It is for both heaven and \_\_\_\_\_.
- note whom the Lord judges here? \_\_\_\_\_ people!
- the judgment starts with the people of \_\_\_\_\_
- but as well, we see that \_\_\_\_\_ is left out of the judgment of God
- all heaven and earth and the people of God will go before the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_

**(50:5-6)<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah**

- even the \_\_\_\_\_ ones are called to gather to the Lord
- the faithful ones who have made a \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord
- the faithful are those who are connected to the Lord by a sacrifice

-when you receive the \_\_\_\_\_ offered to you through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ you also enter into a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with the Lord at that time!

- this section ends with the reminder that the Lord's glory is seen in the \_\_\_\_\_

- we see the glory and majesty of God clearly in creation

- if you look at \_\_\_\_\_ and say there is no God, you must have blinders on

- the Psalms pronounce numerous times that the heavens \_\_\_\_\_ God's glory!

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens \_\_\_\_\_ the glory of God, and the sky above \_\_\_\_\_ his handiwork.

**Psalm 89:5** Let the heavens \_\_\_\_\_ your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the \_\_\_\_\_ ones!

## 2) (50:7-15) Call Upon Me

(50:7) "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

- here we have God \_\_\_\_\_ His people to listen to what He has to say

- but the content is not encouraging, the Lord is going to testify \_\_\_\_\_ them

- we see the reasons why the Lord has to \_\_\_\_\_ against them later on in this section

- but this verse ends with "I am God, \_\_\_\_\_ God"

- here we see again the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of the Lord

- the Lord is faithful and \_\_\_\_\_ to His people, He speaks to them because He is \_\_\_\_\_ God

- the Lord does \_\_\_\_\_ give His people the silent treatment, He \_\_\_\_\_ clearly to them!

- we see the sins of God's people in Psalm 50:8-13

- we see that they are offering sacrifices but they are not offering them in faith or in obedience

(50:8-13) Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.<sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.<sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine."<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

- we see the emphasis upon \_\_\_\_\_ and offerings here

- we need to know that at this time, in neighbouring pagan religions, \_\_\_\_\_ of livestock were sacrificed to their god/s because they feared that their \_\_\_\_\_ gods would get hungry

- if the worshippers did not offer sacrifices the gods would starve and thus that would make the gods angry at them

- but we see here that the Lord actually does \_\_\_\_\_ need such a sacrifice to keep sustained

- in Psalm 50:10-11 – the Lord owns \_\_\_\_\_ beasts and cattle

- the Lord knows \_\_\_\_\_ the birds of the hills and everything that moves in the fields are the Lord's

- Psalm 50:12 – the world and its \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord's

- this means that \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth is the Lord's

- Psalm 50:13 – the Lord does not even eat the flesh or blood of animals

- the Lord is self-sufficient and self- \_\_\_\_\_, He needs nothing from earth or creation
- He is the living God who has always \_\_\_\_\_ and even if he was hungry He would not need to tell us!

**(50:14-15) Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, <sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."**

- the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ them to do several things here!
- the Lord calls them to offer a \_\_\_\_\_ of thanksgiving, this means that we are thankful for the grace of God given to us
- the Lord calls them to be \_\_\_\_\_ for His kindness
- but the Lord also calls them to \_\_\_\_\_ their vows
- they are to do what they have \_\_\_\_\_ they are going to do which means \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord
- finally they are to call upon the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_
- this word "call upon" is really to \_\_\_\_\_ out to God for mercy and this is a crying out to God in repentance
- to cry out to the Lord demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord!
- the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ His people! Is that not a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_?
- when we call out to the Lord in repentance and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord will save us
- we have committed much sin but the Lord's promise is that He will \_\_\_\_\_!
- we will honor or \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and we will show or \_\_\_\_\_ to the world the weight or greatness of God!
- because the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us, we in response, are to speak of the majesty or might of God

### **3) (50:16-21) Complete Wickedness**

<sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says:  
 "What right have you to recite my statutes  
 or take my covenant on your lips?  
<sup>17</sup> For you hate discipline,  
 and you cast my words behind you.  
<sup>18</sup> If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,  
 and you keep company with adulterers.  
<sup>19</sup> "You give your mouth free rein for evil,  
 and your tongue frames deceit.  
<sup>20</sup> You sit and speak against your brother;  
 you slander your own mother's son.

- in this section the Lord calls out the \_\_\_\_\_ and their evil deeds
- in 50:16 God speaks \_\_\_\_\_ to the wicked so they know for sure that the Lord means business
- The Lord calls them \_\_\_\_\_ for reciting the statutes of the Lord and declaring their \_\_\_\_\_ with God even though they had no interest in keeping the laws or cherishing God's grace to them
- now the Lord goes on to addressing \_\_\_\_\_ sins of the wicked

- i. they hate discipline
  - they have no concern for actions or attitudes that \_\_\_\_\_ sin
- ii. they cast the words of God behind them
  - they do not treat the words of God with \_\_\_\_\_ or reverence
  - this like the person who claims to be Christians has a Bible but never opens the Bible
- iii. they are pleased with stealing
  - they have no problem breaking the 8th commandment “you shall not \_\_\_\_\_”
- iv. they keep company with adulterers
  - if they keep company with adulterers that means that they would be breaking the 6th commandment, “you shall not commit \_\_\_\_\_”

- these last 4 sins have to do with sins of the tongue or sins of language and they break the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment in bearing false witness!
- v. they speak \_\_\_\_\_ with their tongue
- vi. they speak \_\_\_\_\_ with their tongue
- vii. they speak against their brother
- viii. they \_\_\_\_\_ their brother

- in summary they do not take the \_\_\_\_\_ of God seriously at all  
 - they would be the type that would say “ya ya I know God’s commands but I do not think I will worry about keeping those today”

**(50:21) These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.**

- the Lord holds them accountable for their \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord rebukes them  
 - many people think that the Lord does not see or the Lord does not care about \_\_\_\_\_ but this Psalm would speak absolutely the opposite  
 - the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ and call sinners to account!

**4) (50:22-23) Consider This**

**(50:22-23) "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!<sup>23</sup> The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"**

- here we have again the “two \_\_\_\_\_ of people”  
 - we have the \_\_\_\_\_ and their consequences and the \_\_\_\_\_ and their blessings

1) the Lord will tear apart those who \_\_\_\_\_ God  
 - the Lord will punish those who \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and His majesty

2) those who offer thanks to the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ their way rightly  
 - which is according to the Word of God, they will see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

Application

**1) See God’s Greatness in this Passage**

- like many of the others Psalm that you read in your Bible, this Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ us a Theology 101 course
- do you see God's \_\_\_\_\_ in this passage of scripture?
- do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in this passage? He is the Lord who punishes sin?
  - Psalm 50:4 – He calls to the heavens above and the earth that He may \_\_\_\_\_ His people
  - Psalm 50:6 – God Himself is \_\_\_\_\_
- do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God? He is the Lord who holds people accountable for their sin.
  - Psalm 50:21 – the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and charges sinners in how they live
- do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God? He will punish sin and He will even tear apart those who forget God?
  - Psalm 50:22 "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to \_\_\_\_!"
- do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in this Psalm?
  - Psalm 50:1 – the God of gods the Lord
  - Psalm 50:2 – God shines forth the light of His glory
- do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in this Psalm?
  - the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a people by grace and brings them into relationship with Him
  - here in this Psalm the word covenant is used two times
  - the Lord makes a covenant with His people

**Psalm 50:5** "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- do you see that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ God (meaning He needs nothing especially from us)?
  - Psalm 50:10 – the Lord owns all the beasts of the field
  - Psalm 50:11 – the Lord knows all the birds of the field
  - Psalm 50:12 – if the Lord was hungry he would not tell us!
  - this is a God who does not need us or anything that we could ever offer Him
- the Lord is a sure and \_\_\_\_\_ anchor and we, as believers, need to be anchored in the greatness and the glory of the Lord
  - we are facing unprecedented times here in Canada and people are seriously triggered
  - let us be a people who strip away the background noise and look to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord
  - we can all talk COVID and politics until the cows come home, but we ought to have a different focus
  - let us be a people who are theologians
  - this does not mean that we grow a beard, speak in an English accent, use big words that nobody understands and sound intellectual
  - this means we \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God to learn about God
  - look for God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God
  - then ponder God's greatness and then \_\_\_\_\_ God's greatness!
- for instance in this Psalm we see the \_\_\_\_\_ and the judgment of God
- praise the Lord for the gift of His Son because Jesus has borne the judgment of God in our place

- we can be \_\_\_\_\_ from the judgment of God because of the work of Christ
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and praise the Lord!

## 2) The Lord is Gracious

- I love how this passage points us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ
- here in this Psalm we see the Lord makes a covenant with His people
- the Lord takes a people who are not a people and then makes them a people who belong to the Lord
- the Lord establishes a \_\_\_\_\_ or a relationship with His people

- this points us to Jesus Christ and His “better covenant” or “\_\_\_\_\_ covenant”

**Hebrews 8:8-12** For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>9</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>11</sup> And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. <sup>12</sup> For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

- God now establishes a new \_\_\_\_\_ with us through Jesus Christ by His grace!
- none of us deserve this grace or \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ but God gives us this wonderful reality and says, "I will remember their \_\_\_\_\_ no more"
- if you are outside the Lord Jesus and not in relationship (or in covenant) with Him, see the judgments that are mentioned here as things that you \_\_\_\_\_ and in fact we all deserve
- but see also the \_\_\_\_\_ and kindness of Jesus
- turn from your sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ
- see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and trust Jesus' loving work for your sake!

## 3) Holy Living and True Worship

- Psalm 50 calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ living and true worship
- \_\_\_\_\_ is praise to the living God, coming to gather with God's people and being eager to hear what the Lord has to say from His Word because He is the living God
- the Lord in this Psalm calls us to obedience to God
- the Lord here calls us to be d \_\_\_\_\_
- the Lord here calls us to be \_\_\_\_\_ with our dealings and not steal
- the Lord calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ sexual immorality and avoid adulterers
- the Lord calls us to speak \_\_\_\_\_ language with our mouths!
- but we all have failed with these things that is why we need Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ covenant
- we live holy lives and \_\_\_\_\_ truthfully not to make us Christian
- but because the Lord has been gracious to us, we \_\_\_\_\_ in Spirit and truth and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ for the glory of God!

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: PSALM 75