

The Supreme Court

Psalm 50

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- Proclamation, 3. God is coming. Hb.12
- Prosecution, 4. God judges... 1 Pt.4:17
 - Ro.1:32, righteous judgment
 - Ro.2:2, according to truth
 - Ro.2:3, no escape
 - Ro.2:5, righteous judgment

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- People, 5. God addresses universe
- Praise, 6. Heaven's witness. Gn.18:25.
2 Co.5:10. Gn.19. Mt.12

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II. Charge Against Formalism,
7-15

God needs nothing

- 7-8: Judge testifies against His people, then judges
 - NOT to complain that they neglected sacrifices, 8
 - NOT to scold because He has need, 9-13

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- 9: thought bulls and goats pleased God (1 Sm.15)
- 10: God already has everything
- 11: all birds on mountains are His
- 12: hungry God??
- 13: heathen thought sacrifices were feasts to gods

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- 14: the greatest sacrifice to God

Common charge: “God is a megalomaniac”

- We do not sacrifice because of His needs, but because of *ours*
- What we worship determines what we are
- We give nothing to God (12-14). Job.
1 Tim.6:7.

He has delivered; glorify Him, 15

- He does not need us; we need Him
 - We need worship
 - We need His revelation

Conclusion

1. We must do more than learn God's commands. Obey! Jn.12:48
2. God (Creator / Judge) has right to govern who will live with Him. Ro.6:8, 2
3. God gets nothing out of our worship and praise except satisfaction of His love for us. Ep.1:18. 1 Pt.2:9.
4. Gratitude is not only the best offering for God's grace, but the attitude that He deserves (14).