

The Supreme Court (II)

Psalm 50

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Two sins

1. Try to appease God with sacrifices, 8-13
 - The heathen way.
2. Think continual sacrifices appease God.
 - Problem is not lack of sacrifices, but outward sacrifices (8) but their purpose
 - Buy favor with God. Payoff! Bribe!
 - Substitute expensive sacrifices instead of obedience. 1 Sm.15:22

Foul-weather friends, 8-13

- Jacob pretended to be Esau... Gn.27:19
- Judas pretended affection... Lk.22:47
 - God knows our hearts, Jer.20:12
 - God looks on the heart, 1 Sm.16:7

Made vows in adversity, forgot
them in prosperity, 14-15

- Dt.32:5 (Ac.2:40)
- Dt.32:6 (Ro.1:21)

Hypocrisy, 16

- Immoral people claim fellowship with God
– even declare His statutes to others – but
ignore commands they dislike
 - Chief priests, Mt.26
 - Jews, Ro.2:17-24

Ritual, 17

- Religious, yet hate instruction
 - Mind is made up. 1 K.14:9
 - Treat His words like trash. Neh.9:26
 - Mk.16:16
- Assume sacrifice and rituals compensate for disobedience
- Pretend that God doesn't care about doctrine... Ga.1:6-9
- Pilate (Mt.27:24) – clean hands?

Accessory, 18

- They love sin, but blame it on others.
- Ro.1:32

Speech, 19-20

- We judge health by the tongue...

Stinking thinking, 21

Assume God is like us. E.g.:

1. Silence implies tolerance. Ec.8:11; Ja.5:4
2. If I like it, God does too. 2 Sm.1
3. Bribe God with gifts. 1 K.14
4. Maybe He will not notice. Mt.10:29-31
5. Praise without practice. Mt.15:8-9
6. Assume health and prosperity implies salvation. Lk.12
7. Say one thing, do another. Ac.5

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IV. Challenge, 22-23

Consider this

22: some forget (discard) God / His word.

- Lest I tear you in pieces. 2 Kg.2:24
- None to deliver. None can help / reverse

23: the saved: thank offering, the best sacrifice (= v.14)

- Not mere outward form or ritual

A spirit of thanksgiving, adoration, love

- Life that honors God. “Order aright”

Lesson 1: Ps.50:1,3,4,6

God is universal: Ruler of all, Judge of all

- We will face Him in Judgment.
- He has right to determines who will live with Him.
 - a. Stranger: “I want to live with you” –
 - b. You say yes...but he creates own rules...
 - c. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account – Hb.4:13

Lesson 2: Ps.50:5

God gets nothing out of our worship and praise except satisfaction of His love for us

- Ep.1:18
- What does God get out of all He has done?
 - Us!

Lesson 3: Ps.50:17

“...broken and contrite heart...”

- “Problem with closed minded people: their mouth is always open”
- “Let the mind of the Master be the master of your mind”