

Psalm 50 - Psalm 50:1-23

Topics: Accusation, Adultery, Attitude, Beauty, Correction, Covenant, Depend, Dishonesty, Disobedience, Earth, Evil, God, God's Will, Greed, Heaven, Help, Honor, Hypocrisy, Instructions, Judgment, Needs, Obedience, Possessions, Punishment, Righteousness, Sacrifice, Salvation, Silence, Sin, Thankfulness, Tithing, Vows, Words

Open It

- * 1. Who is the sincerest person you know?
- 2. What were some of the rules in your house when you were growing up?

Explore It

- 3. What announcement introduces the theme of the poem? (50:1-6)
- 4. What motivated the Lord to appear at His temple in Zion? (50:1-6)
- 5. What names and titles for God does this psalm include? (50:1-23)
- 6. What are the heavens and earth summoned by God to testify? (50:4-6)
- 7. What expressed Israel's covenant with the Lord? (50:5)
- * 8. What words of correction does the Lord give to His people? (50:7-15)
- * 9. In addition to sacrifices, what did the Lord desire from His people? (50:8-15)
- 10. In what way were the Israelites obeying the letter of the law while ignoring the spirit of the law? (50:8-15)
- 11. What did the Israelites misunderstand about the importance of sacrifices? (50:9-15)
- * 12. What kind of relationship does God want us to have with Him? (50:14-15)
- 13. What promise did the Lord offer Israel in return for their obedience and honor? (50:14-15)
- 14. What accusations does God make against the wicked? (50:16-20)
- 15. Whom does the Lord rebuke in the conclusion of the psalm? (50:16-23)
- 16. How did the wicked misinterpret God's silence? (50:21-22)
- 17. What advice does God give to the wicked? (50:22-23)

Get It

- 18. According to this psalm, what does God desire from us?
- 19. What kind of relationship does the Lord want to have with you?
- 20. How is the spirit of the law different from the letter of the law?
- 21. Why is it sometimes tempting to focus on the letter of the law instead of the spirit of the law?
- * 22. When are you tempted to focus on the letter of the law instead of the spirit of the law?
- 23. In what ways are the wicked guilty of hypocrisy?
- 24. How does God view hypocrisy?
- 25. How can we guard against insincerity in our faith?
- 26. According to this passage, how can we honor God?
- 27. In modern-day terms, what does it mean to "sacrifice thank offerings"?
- 28. How do you think the message of this psalm could be applied to tithing?
- * 29. What specific counsel does God give to us in this psalm about seeking Him?
- 30. What promises can we claim from this psalm?

Apply It

- 31. In what ways do you need to change your attitude or behavior in order to honor God in sincerity?
- 32. What action could you take to guard against the sin of hypocrisy?
- * 33. What offering of thanks could you give to the Lord today?