

“For God Himself is Judge”

Psalm 50

It is hard for us to comprehend just how mighty God is. He “has spoken and called the earth, from the rising of the sun to its going down” (vs. 1). Can we really appreciate that?

This mighty God is going to judge the people. He will take care of the righteous **Ps. 50:4-6**, “He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people: 5 “Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” 6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge.”

God speaks to His people: “I am God, your God” (vs. 7). God is not selfish. He has provided for His people and allows man to use these blessings. He will not interfere with their sacrifices or their burnt offerings. He would never take a bull or goat from them. Why? “For every beast of the forest is Mine” (vs. 10).

God would not tell His people if He were hungry. Why? “The world is mine and all its fullness” (vs. 12). Therefore, give thanksgiving to God, pay your vows, call upon Me when you are in

trouble and I will deliver. You will glorify Me (vs. 14-15), says the Lord.

Good things are happening to God’s people.

Yet consider the wicked: They hate instruction; they cast out His words, they consent with thieves, they partake with adulterers, they frame deceit with their tongues and speak against their own brothers (vs. 16-20).

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What can be done? **Psalm 50:22-23**, “Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to deliver: 23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God.”

Change your conduct! The wicked must change before it is too late and they too will see the salvation of God!

II Corinthians 6:1-2, “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

— Shane Williams

Starting to Walk

When we walk, we are only one step away from falling. Adults don’t give it much thought but getting out on two unsteady legs can be frightening to a very young child. Yet children keep trying until walking becomes second nature.

This is similar to learning to “walk” as a Christian. We put our faith into practice one step at a time. Paul urged believers to live by faith so they would become firmly established in their walk with Christ (**Col. 2:6-7**). “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

How do we accomplish this? We do so by “fixing our eyes” on Jesus (**Heb. 12:1-2**): what He has done, what He is doing now, and what He will do for us. We are to depend completely on Him, obeying His commands, and putting His teaching into practice. Just as a young child gains confidence when a parent is there to

hold their hand and help them as they learn to walk, so Christ is there for us!

Walking with Christ may sometimes be frightening, but it is the only way to make progress in our spiritual development. Are you walking with Him today?

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God’s Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Be Faithful** until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)