

The Fear of God Part 15

Psalms 50 - Judgment Starts in the House of God

“1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. 5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah. 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. 16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? 17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. 22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. 23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.” (Psalm 50:1-23 KJV)

God is the Creator of Heavens and earth. He is the God of our salvation who sent His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death, and He is the judge of the whole earth who keep continually judging the world and preparing it for the final judgment when Christ would come and take us with all His saints; when He will hand over the Kingdom to God.

“1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.” (Psalm 50:1 KJV) God here is calling the whole world and He is holding a court. He is calling every mankind. There is no one born on earth and God failed to call him and give him chance to be saved. **Therefore now God is calling you, to give your life to Him and to believe in Jesus; to receive Him in your heart and allow Him to be the Lord over your life and start to follow Him.**

“2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.” (Psalm 50:2 KJV) God before the coming of Christ was dwelling on earth by His Spirit in Zion, where His people were located. But after the coming of Christ, and even at this time, God, the Holy Spirit dwells with His people, the church; those who responded to His call, who came out of the world and started to live in holiness serving Him.

“3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.” (Psalm 50:3 KJV) God would always manifest Himself to the people; He introduces Himself and intervenes in their lives. He is continually speaking and declaring His Word and His will in various ways. He shows Himself and makes His people fear Him and tremble at His presence. He manifested Himself with a dramatic manner, ***“a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him”***. Earthquakes, winds, volcanoes, floods, wars, calamities, pandemics, etc., are all painful events and tragedies God will do, in order to attract the attention of the people and make them aware about God's presence around them and make them realize that He is observing and monitoring everything.

“4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.” (Psalm 50:4 KJV) God calls the Heavens to witness and to execute judgment on His people. God first to judge is His people and to deal with them in a proper way. He will reward those who do good to uphold them to continue to do His will. As well as he will chastise those who do evil to restrain them and to lead them to repentance. Some believers they say, Why God is punishing me for my sins but there are many non believers who do worse but God is not punishing them for their wrongdoings. The reason behind that because God judges first His people, but ultimately He will also judge the rest of the people as we read here, ***“17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Peter 4:17-18 KJV)***

“5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.” (Psalm 50:5 KJV) God here is calling His saints and those who consecrated their lives to Him; those who made a covenant with God to live for Him and to do His will. God is calling His saints to be with Him in executing judgment against sin and against those who do wicked things. Paul said to the Corinthians, ***“2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.” (1 Corinthians 6:2-4 KJV)*** The Church of God is commissioned by God to deal with sin, and with those who do evil in spite of their commitment to Christ.

“6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.” (Psalm 50:6 KJV) In this court setup, the Heavens are called and the saints are called to declare the righteousness of God. God in this court Himself is the judge who will work out to let every decision and judgment would come out from Him.

“7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.” (Psalm 50:7 KJV) The people that God call His people, He is now starting to judge them by confronting them with their sins. **God continually will speak and testify and point out the sins that His people are doing in order to be dealt with properly and timely according to His will. He is doing that to lead His people into repentance.**

When God is saying ***“I am God, even thy God”***, it seems that His people had forgotten His sovereignty over their lives. He is now imparting unto them the fear of God so they will be

moving toward repentance. Put in your mind, that even if you have a ministry and serving God, but God is above you and He cannot tolerate the sin that you are doing; therefore you need to repent from such sin, so God will be pleased with you and bless your service and ministry.

“8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.” (Psalm 50:8 KJV) God is rebuking His people not because He wants offering and sacrifices from them. * One of the sins that God will judge His people with is when they think that God cannot manage without them. Other sin that God will judge His people are when they think that what they give can cover their sins. * Pride and self-righteousness is what God is dealing with those who committed their lives for Him. * In certain times giving and offering is just a way to clear conscience and used to cover up certain sins or to compensate what they ought to do but had failed God in achieving what He had asked them to do. * So here God is reminding you that the sin you are doing you need to repent of it, and it cannot be covered or got compensated with the material things that you are giving.

“9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.” (Psalm 50:9 KJV) The Lord here is reminding His people, that all what they have had come from Him. All what you have had come from Him and you cannot boast about that. He is confirming that He is not interested of what His people have and what He had given them. ***“10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.” (Psalm 50:10 KJV)*** He is declaring here that all the animals in the forest and the cattle in the hills are belonged to Him. God is not after what you have but God is after you and how you live your life unto Him.

“11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.” (Psalm 50:11 KJV) Everything is God’s and is under God’s knowledge and His supervision; as if God’s people had forgotten that God is all knowing God and nothing is hidden from under His sight. God is reminding you here that He is whole-knowing God, He is Almighty and omnipresence, so be careful, repent, amend your ways and fear Him.

“12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.” (Psalm 50:12 KJV) God is not waiting for you to manage the affairs of the world or to satisfy His needs. Everything is under Him and He will do what He wants. If you will not be responding to God’s call and humble yourself and fear Him, God is ready to replace you with others who are willing to serve Him and please Him.

“13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?” (Psalm 50:13 KJV) God here is speaking in irony with His people. God’s people because of pride and self-righteousness would think that they are doing favor to God when they are serving Him. * Many people they think that they are better than others because they believed in Christ. But if they are not obedient to Christ’s Word and His will to them then their faith is of no avail to them. * God will neither eat the flesh of bulls nor drink the blood of goats nor will be pleased with your sacrifices, your giving and ministries if they are not accompanied by obedience.

“14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:” (Psalm 50:14 KJV) First you need to be grateful to God, ***“Offer unto God thanksgiving”***; count your blessings and thank Him for all His goodness toward you. When the people of God are hardened in heart due to sin, they will start to be ungrateful to God. They will be grumbling and complaining along the way. With such attitude they will start to think that God is not doing

good to them or He is unfair to them, and they will gradually start to move away from Him and away from serving Him. Therefore, God was telling His people, ***“pay thy vows unto the most High”***. You need to fulfill your vows to God; what you had committed yourself to do, that you need to do. Put in your mind that obedience is better than sacrifice.

“15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.” (Psalm 50:15 KJV) When pride is there the people of God will not be willing to humble down before God and cry to Him in the time of their distress. Not because He is far away from them, but they are far away from Him. * Humility, repentance and returning back to God and fully dependence on Him will bring glory and honor to God and will bring blessings into your life. That is how God judge His people; in loving them, He gives them an opportunity to repent and to come back to Him. * Humble yourself now in the mighty hand of God, call him now to save you from the trouble that you are passing through.

Cry out to God to save you from your troubles. Lord I cried out to you save me and deliver me out from this problem _____ .

Lord I thank you and glorify you for your saving power in my life and in the life of your church and your people.

“16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?” (Psalm 50:16 KJV) Those who are not willing to repent and amend their ways, God is confronting them, that they don’t have the right to use His name and call themselves the people of God. Even they don’t have the right to declare His Word as long as they are in sin. Those people of God who do wickedness they should not even pray to God. Only when they confess their sins to God and repent, then their prayers will be heard and attended by God, and they can declare His Word to the world around them.

God in such is fair and righteous as you read the following: ***“17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.” (Psalm 50:17 KJV)*** If the people of God do not obey God’s Word and take His instructions, then they do not love God, and exactly they are throwing His Word behind their back. Therefore it is fair that God is prohibiting them to declare His covenant with Him, not allowing them to pray to Him, and not to declare His Word to others until they will repent. God’s Word explains further about that and as the following:

“18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.” (Psalm 50:18 KJV) What a bad testimony you have when you agree and condone or cover up those who steal and take part with those who do adultery. The people of God should not get involve, nor promote, nor encourage sins and wrong practices within the people of God. You should do all what you can to refrain from sin and to work out with God to cleanse God’s church and God’s people from all the sinful practices.

“19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.” (Psalm 50:19-20 KJV) The tongue is connected to the heart and mind. Those who are worldly with non renewed mind and are focus on their flesh desire, they will speak evil things and will tell lies to attack their brethren who delight to do the will of God and who live according to God’s Word and His

commands. God wants you to repent of telling lies and speaks evil against your brothers who are living a Godly life.

“21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.” (Psalm 50:21 KJV) When the people of God do wickedness and God remain silent that does not mean that He is agreeing with them and supporting them, or He is the kind of God accepting His people doing evil. When God is silent while you do wrong and break His Word and commands that does not mean God is supporting you. The people of God took God for granted when they are silent in dealing with sins inside their families and the church. They are even thinking God is like them being insensitive to sins and trespasses. What is going in the life of the people of God when God is delaying His judgment, they are thinking that such sins are acceptable to God. But that is not correct, and put this in your mind that sooner or later God will judge your sin and pay you your evil. Therefore, live in line and in agreement with God’s Word and instructions, putting in your mind that God will sure judge His people.

“22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.” (Psalm 50:22 KJV) Those who are taking God for granted in such a way that we described in the previous verse, that think is acceptable to God the sin that they are doing; they are in conclusion had forgotten God; they had forgotten who is God and what His rule in their lives. As a consequence of that, they will be judged by God and He will repay them in full. This is a timely warning message. Therefore fear God, repent urgently and amend your ways immediately, otherwise God’s judgment is on the way reaching you.

My dear and beloved: “23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.” (Psalm 50:23 KJV) The people of God should be grateful to Him remembering all the good things that He gave to them. Their gratefulness to God will be shown by their keen repentance and living a blameless life in the order of God’s commands and Word. It is a high time for you to repent and amend your ways and cleanse your heart and mind from sins as pride, self righteousness, ungratefulness, hypocrisy, stealing, immoralities, etc.

Be grateful to God, count your blessings and all what you had received from Him, and be thankful to Him.

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that brought clarity into my life.

Lord thank you for your goodness and for all what I had received from you. Thank you Lord, all what I have, had come from you!

Repent and renounce your sins. Renounce your pride and your self-righteousness. Renounce the sins of stealing, gossiping, boasting and your ungratefulness towards God. Renounce all your grumbling and complaining against God. Renounce your immoralities of all kinds. Renounce your wrong motive and your wrong understanding in ministry. Renounce doing your

own will and not the plan of God for you. Lord forgive me, I renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself not to take you for granted and I will live and lead a blameless life in accordance to your Word. Lord I commit myself to get rid of the following sinful practices

Lord I commit myself to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in my life; love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, self-control, patience, perseverance and long-suffering, that people shall see Jesus in my life.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters, who repented and came back to you. Lord uphold them with your grace and restore them back to you. Listen to their prayers and cry as they repented of their sins and amended their ways. Lord protect them and provide all their needs, so they will continue to live their lives unto you.

Lord bless us as your church and uphold us with your grace and mercy so that we will continue to serve you. Lord we commit our lives to you to cleanse ourselves and our families and your church from the sins that we had encounter in this message. Lord we commit ourselves to stand firm to deal with the sinful practices, to correct your people and to rebuke and deal with those who persist in their sins. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, to evangelize, to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus and to make new disciples, and train new workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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