

*The Fear of God*

*Part 12*

*Psalm 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 shouldst 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)*

*“1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. 4 He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 “Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.” 6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice. 7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God. 8 I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me. 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, 10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? 14 “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, 15 and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.” 16 But to the wicked person, God says: “What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? 17 You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. 18 When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. 19 You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. 20 You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother's son. 21*

*When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you. But I now arraign you and set my accusations before you. 22 “Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you: 23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.” (Psalm 50:1-23 NIV)*

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 the 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. 1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets:* God 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 fail to call him and give him chance to be saved.

*2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth:* God before the coming of Christ was dwelling on earth in Zion, where his people are located. But after the coming of Christ, and even at this time, God dwells with His people, the church; those who responded to his call, who came out of the world and started to live in holiness and 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. 3 Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages:* God would always manifest Himself to the people; He introduce Himself and intervene in their lives. He is continually speaking and declaring His word and His will in various ways. He show 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. a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.* Earthquakes, winds, volcanoes, floods, wars, calamities 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. 4 He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:* He 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.

*5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. 5 “Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”* God 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. 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.” (1Corinthians 6:2-4 KJV) “2 Or do you not know that the Lord’s people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! 4 Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church?” (1Corinthians 6:2-4 NIV) God is calling His saints to be with Him in executing judgment against sin and against those who do wicked things. The Church of God is commissioned by God to deal with sin, and with those who do evil in spite of their committed to Christ.*

*6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah. 6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice:* 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 and would be pointed out toward Him.

*7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. 7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God:* The people that God call His people, He is now starting to judge them. 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, your God*, it seems that His people had forgotten His sovereignty over their lives. He is now imparting into them the fear of God so they will be moving toward repentance.

*8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. 8 I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me:* 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 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 certain sins or to compensate what they ought to do but had failed God in achieving what He had asked them to do.

*9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens:* The Lord here is reminding His people that what they have had come from Him. 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. 10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.* 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. 11 I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine:* 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.

*12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it:* God is not waiting for you to manage the affairs of the world or to satisfy His needs. 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? 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?* 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 if they are not accompanied by obedience.

*14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: 14 “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High: 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; 14 “Sacrifice thank offerings to God.* First be grateful to God, 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 is telling His people, *pay thy vows unto the most High: fulfill your vows to the Most High:* What you had committed yourself to do that you need to do. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

*15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. 15 and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me:* 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. That is how God judge His people; in loving them, He gives them an opportunity to repent and to come back to Him.

*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? 16 But to the wicked person, God says: “What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips?* 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. 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.

*17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. 17 You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you:* If the people of God do not obey God’s word and take His instructions, then they are not loving God, and exactly they are throwing His Word behind their back.

*18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. 18 When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with*

**adulterers:** What a testimony you have when you agree and condone or cover up those who steal and those who do adultery. The people of God should not promote and encourage sins and wrong practices within the people of God.

**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. 19 You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. 20 You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother's son:** The tongue is connected to the heart, mind and stomach. 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.

**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. 21 When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you. But I now arraign you and set my accusations before you:** 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 the families and the church. They are even thinking God is like them being insensitive to sins and trespasses. But put this in your mind: 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. 22 "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:** Those who are taking God for granted they are in conclusion had forgotten God, who is He 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. 23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation:** 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 as you agree to 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 repentance in my life. Lord forgives me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_. I commit myself not to take you for granted and I will live and lead a blameless life in accordance to your Word. Lord upholds me with your mercy and grace in order for me to persevere till you come and take me to heaven with you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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