### Psalms

## Chapter 50

A Psalm of Asaph.  
  
  
  
  
1Jehovah is the God of all gods;  
 For He speaks and calls the sun from the east,  
 Where it crosses the earth to where it descends.  
  
2It’s from Zion that His beauty is shining,  
 3And when His coming is seen,  
 He won’t be silent thereafter!  
  
For, a fire will go before Him and burn,  
 And a gale will blow all around Him.  
 4He will call to the earth from the heavens above,  
 And then, He will set separate people.  
  
5He will gather His holy ones to Him  
 (Those who [follow] His Sacred Agreement),  
 6Then, across the skies, He will shout His decisions.  
 For, God is truly our judge.  
  
7He says:  
  
 ‘Listen, My people, and I’ll tell you…  
 Yes listen, O IsraEl, and I’ll testify!  
 For, I am God… I’m your God!  
  
 8‘I won’t discipline you over your sacrifices,  
 Since your whole burnt-offerings have always been there.  
 9Yet, I never asked you for calves,  
 Or for your winter yearlings or flocks.  
  
 10‘For the beasts in the fields are already Mine,  
 As are your cattle and oxen,  
 11And all the birds in the skies…  
 The beauty of the fields came from Me!  
  
 12‘If I were hungry, I’d never tell you;  
 For, everything in man’s habitation is Mine.  
 13So, why should I eat meat of bulls,  
 Or drink the blood of male goats?  
  
 14‘Why not offer Me praise as your sacrifice,  
 And just pay the vows that you’ve made?  
 15Then, you could call out to Me,  
 And I’d [be there to] save you…  
 And thereafter, you’d speak of My glory.’  
  
16So, to the sinners, God asks:  
  
 ‘Why do you bother to take up My Laws  
 And speak of My Sacred Agreement,  
 17When you really hate My instructions,  
 And disregard everything that I’ve said?  
  
 18‘If you saw a thief, you’d run with him,  
 And you’d join with those committing adultery!  
 19For your mouths are filled with what’s bad,  
 And your tongues are twisted in lies.  
  
 20‘Against your own brothers, you sit and speak ill…  
 You set snares for the sons of your mother!  
 21Then, if I don’t speak when you’re breaking My Laws,  
 You think that I’m like you!  
  
 ‘But, I’ll soon discipline you…  
 I’ll stand in your face [and speak of] your sins!  
 22So notice, all you who’ve forgotten your God;  
 For the time will come when I’ll snatch you away,  
 And no one will be there to save you.  
  
 23‘And even though you may have offered Me glory  
 With your sacrifices and praises…  
 There’s no way that I’ll then spare you!’