**PSALM 49**

Deus deorum.

*The coming of Christ: who prefers virtue and inward purity before the blood of victims.*

**1** A psalm for Asaph.

The God of gods, the Lord hath spoken: and he hath called the earth. From the rising of the sun, to the going down thereof:

**2** out of Sion the loveliness of his beauty.

**3** God shall come manifestly: our God shall come, and shall not keep silence. A fire shall burn before him: and a mighty tempest shall be round about him.

**4** He shall call heaven from above, and the earth, to judge his people.

**5** Gather ye together his saints to him: who set his covenant before sacrifices.

**6** And the heavens shall declare his justice: for God is judge.

**7** Hear, O my people, and I will speak: O Israel, and I will testify to thee: I am God, thy God.

**8** I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices: and thy burnt offerings are always in my sight.

**9** I will not take calves out of thy house: nor he goats out of thy flocks.

**10** For all the beasts of the woods are mine: the cattle on the hills, and the oxen.

**11** I know all the fowls of the air: and with me is the beauty of the field.

**12** If I should be hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

**13** Shall I eat the flesh of bullocks? or shall I drink the blood of goats?

**14** Offer to God the sacrifice of praise: and pay thy vows to the most High.

**15** And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

**16** But to the sinner God hath said: Why dost thou declare my justices, and take my covenant in thy mouth?

**17** Seeing thou hast hated discipline: and hast cast my words behind thee.

**18** If thou didst see a thief thou didst run with him: and with adulterers thou hast been a partaker.

**19** Thy mouth hath abounded with evil, and thy tongue framed deceits.

**20** Sitting thou didst speak against thy brother, and didst lay a scandal against thy mother’s son:

**21** these things hast thou done, and I was silent. Thou thoughtest unjustly that I should be like to thee: but I will reprove thee, and set before thy face.

**22** Understand these things, you that forget God; lest he snatch you away, and there be none to deliver you.

**23** The sacrifice of praise shall glorify me: and there is the way by which I will shew him the salvation of God.