

PSALM

# 50 The mighty God and sovereign LORD

C F C (G) Am (D) G

1 The might - y God and sov - ereign LORD has called the earth from  
 2 God sum - monearth and heaven a - bove to wit - ness how he  
 3 "Hear, O my peo - ple, I will speak; a - gainst you I will

(D<sup>6</sup> D) G G<sup>7</sup> C A<sup>7</sup> D B

sea to sea. From Zi - on's beau - ty God shines forth; he  
 tries his own: "Now gath - er all my cho - sen saints, who  
 tes - ti - fy. Give ear to me, O Is - ra - el, for

Em (B<sup>7</sup> Em B<sup>7</sup> Em) B Em C<sup>7</sup> F

comes and will not si - lent be. De - vour - ing flame be -  
 cov - e - nant with me a - lone." His right - eous - ness the  
 God, your faith - ful God, am I. I do not spurn your

D<sup>7</sup> G (G<sup>7</sup>) C (D<sup>7</sup> C) G<sup>7</sup> C

fore him goes, and dark the tem - pest round him grows.  
 heavens de - clare, for God him - self is judg - ing there.  
 sac - ri - fice; your of - ferings are be - fore my eyes.

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- 4    “I do not need a goat or bull  
as offering for my holy shrine.  
The cattle on a thousand hills  
and all the forest beasts are mine.  
Each mountain bird to me is known;  
whatever roams the field I own.
- 5    “If I were hungry, who would know?  
I would not look to you for food.  
The world and all it has is mine;  
I have no need of flesh or blood.  
But pay your vows and call on me;  
then I will set my people free.”
- 6    But to the wicked, God declares:  
“To quote my law you have no right.  
You take my covenant on your lips,  
but it is hateful in your sight.  
My good instruction you profane  
and cast it from you in disdain.
- 7    “You are a scheming friend of thieves,  
of those who break their marriage vows.  
Your tongues speak evil and deceit;  
you slander those within your house.  
You thought that I was just like you,  
that there was nothing I would do!
- 8    “Consider my rebuke and charge,  
all you who have forgotten me,  
or I will tear you all apart –  
then what deliverance will you see?  
But those who sacrifice with praise  
will always know my boundless grace.”