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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!
- 3 "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."