

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 - mons earth and heaven a - bove to wit - ness how he
 3 "Hear, O my peo - ple, I will speak; a - gainst you I will

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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

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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

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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:
“What right have you to quote my law?
Why take my covenant on your lips
when evil you will not withdraw?
My holy words you make profane;
you cast them 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.”