

## Psalm 50:16-23

### A sacrifice of thanksgiving

*“But to the wicked God says, “What right do you have to tell of My statutes, and to take My covenant in your mouth? For you hate discipline, and you cast My words behind you. When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers. You let your mouth loose in evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. These things you have done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you, and state your case before your eyes. Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God.”*

These words of God speak so powerfully and straight to the heart. Living in a society that has rejected God as we do we can see how God’s delay in judgement allows a hardening of heart in all those who have formed their own opinion on religion. God says, “You think I am just like you.” No punishment and a free-for-all of sin and worldliness. But God says He will come and state their case before their eyes so that there will no longer be any doubt that He upholds righteousness and all those who desire to live by His laws.

For us this is strong encouragement to press on in our walk with God. The world continually pressures us to let go and allow things into our lives that compromise our walk with Him. It can be easy to forget just who we are trying to please in this life. It can be a challenge to keep the kingdom of heaven in our sights when the kingdom of the world so completely overwhelms our senses and seduces us with its easy road. Obedience can be hard and temptations tantalizing! We are in a constant struggle to remember why we are on the road we’re on which is why we need one another so much! We need each other to encourage and uphold one another in prayer so that when one of us gets weak the other is right there to strengthen!

“He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me.” Sometimes I think we have such a strict opinion of what pleases God and how we have so often fallen short and let Him down, but God shares His heart with us and says to offer Him a thankful heart full of gratitude and love. This honors Him and pleases His Father heart! He takes care of us every day whether we acknowledge it or not and we have so much to be thankful for! My assignment for all of us this week is to take some time out of our day to think and put together a list of things that we are thankful for and then spend some time with Him to thank Him in person. Let us please His Father’s heart toward us and offer up to Him something that truly blesses His day!

God bless you guys and may He fill you so full of His joy and peace this week that you are ready to burst with it and may it overflow into everyone around you! God bless!

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