

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 50
“How Big is Your God?”

1st of 12 Psalms of Asarh (Musical leader appointed by David)
Reads like one of the Prophets
Begins with God’s greatness

Explains God’s judgment on His CHILDREN and on the WICKED

50:7 “Hear O my people. . .”

50:16 “But to the WICKED God says. . .”

- I. God, the Rightful Judge. 50:1-6
 - A. El, Elohom, YHWH. The Mighty One, God, the LORD.
 - B. God has come TO HIS PEOPLE.
 - C. His presence is FEARFUL. *Do we fear God?*
 - D. 50:4. God HIS PEOPLE for treating Him **lightly**
 1. **We should not take God lightly**
 2. **Judgment always begins with GOD’S PEOPLE**
 3. (1 Peter 4:17, NIV) "For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"
 4. (Amos 3:1-2, NIV) " Hear this word the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel—against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: “You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins.”"
 5. **Jeremiah 7:10-12. We bear His NAME.**
- II. God’s Judgment on Religious Formalism. 50:7-15
 - A. God’s Right to Judge His people. 50:7
 - B. God’s Recognition of their religious activity. 50:8
 - C. God’s Rebuke for their spiritual arrogance 50:9-11
 1. God is not **DEPENDENT** on our rituals
“I have no need of your bulls and goats”
Isa 1:11-14
 2. God is not **SUSTAINED** by our religious activity
He is **SELF EXISTENT** and **SUFFICIENT**
 - D. God’s Requirement of Humble and Sincere worship. 50:12-15
- III. God’s Judgment on the WICKED. 50:16-21
 - A. The wicked cannot stand before the Lord
 - B. Psalm 1:4-6
- IV. Conclusion. Do not take the Lord for Granted. 50:22-23
 - A. SAUL - external worship.
1 Samuel 15:22-23

B. DAVID - true worship
1 Samuel 16:7

God was not being worshiped out of reverence.

They had taken him for granted

Their God had become very small - like the gods of the other peoples around them

Heb 10:26-31

How big is your God?

- Big enough to care for my every problem
- Big enough to know all that is going on
- Big enough to trust no matter how difficult the circumstances
- Big enough to worship with all of my heart
- Big enough to worship with sincerity, not ritual