



**Judgment is Coming  
Yes, the End is Near  
Psalm 50**

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Psalm 50

**“A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken And summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone. May our God come and not keep silent; Fire devours before Him, And a storm is violently raging around Him. He summons the heavens above, And the earth, to judge His people: “Gather My godly ones**



**to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge.** Selah “Hear, My people, and I will speak; Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me. **I will not take a bull from your house, Nor male goats from your folds. For every animal of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and everything it contains. Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats? Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High; Call upon Me on the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor Me.” 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 yourself hate discipline, And you throw My words behind you. When you see a thief, you become friends with him, And you associate with adulterers. You let your mouth loose in evil, And your tongue harnesses deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother’s son. These things you have done and I kept silent; You thought that I was just like you; I will rebuke you and present the case before your eyes.** Now consider this, you who forget God, Or I will tear you in pieces, and there will be no one to save you. **“He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who sets his way properly I will show the salvation of God.”**” (NASB 2020)

Once we finish up with Psalm 50, we will be one third through this book. Or in other words, lots more yet to come.

Here in Psalm 50, we see the first psalm written by Asaph. Asaph was a song leader in the tent for the Ark of the Covenant, and the Temple, he was also a prophet. David appointed him to be the song leader right after moving the Ark to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 16:4-7). We also discover that Asaph and his sons prophesied as well (1 Chronicles 25:2).

He served along with Heman and Ethan as a son leader.

As he begins this psalm, he proclaims that the Mighty God is coming.

Psalm 50:1–3

**“The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken And summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone. May our God come and not keep silent; Fire devours before Him, And a storm is violently raging around Him.”** (NASB 2020)

What we see here at the beginning of this psalm is that the God of the universe is summoning all who live on the earth to an event that is about to take place. And just to make certain you know this is THE GOD, three names of Him are used, El, Elohim and then culminating in His covenant name, YAHWEH.

That is the one who is summoning the entirety of all the inhabitants of earth for an event.

And here is, for many today, the shocker. The God of the Universe is summoning all who live on the earth from Mount Zion, which is in Jerusalem. In other words, God is in and with Israel, not Salt Lake City as one group claims, not Mecca as another, but Mount Zion.

What is the event everyone is being gathered for, judgment is coming. The perfection of His beauty is there in Jerusalem.

Are we talking about the end of the age? Is this what Joel spoke of?

Joel 3:1–2

““At the time of those events,” says the LORD, “when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will judge them for harming my



people, my special possession, for scattering my people among the nations, and for dividing up my land.” (NLT)

Most likely not as that gathering is for Armageddon. But there is also a gathering to judge between the sheep and the goats that Jesus talked about that. That could be the case as not all the nation will qualify as sheep and neither will all of the other attendees either. It could also be classified as a warning in light of that coming day.

Matthew 25:31–34

“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. **All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.** Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.’” (NLT)

Matthew 25:41

“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’” (NLT)

Jesus warned, expanding from the warning we see here in Psalm 50. When the entire planet is gathered in front of Jesus after He returns there will indeed be those who are His in the number. Godly ones, the church, has already been gathered to Him in the rapture and then to the right hand of Jesus at the judgment which He says is about to take place in Matthew 25.

That could possibly be the summoning that is taking place. The entire planet being asked to come to a single location from Mount Zion, which is where the throne of Jesus Christ will be after He returns.

He cannot, He dare not keep silence, His glory will not allow it. He who gave the Law, will enter into judgment with those who have it and do not keep it; He cannot long look on and keep silence. He must punish, and first of all by word in order to warn them against the punishment by deeds. (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 359-360)

The call is to the entire planet and the theophany in which He appears is reminiscent of Mount Sinai where the law was given. But this is not only for the Jew but all mankind.

Romans 3:19–20

“Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,** since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” (ESV)

The Law has a word for us, whether we are young or old we are all under the Law! Under: refers to all those within sphere of the law that is legally within the jurisdiction of the law. Just as no one is exempt from the law or above the law of the land, so too, no one is exempt or above the Law of our Lord! (Andrews 2018, 179)

The law was given in the Old Testament, that is correct however. But we are all sons and daughters of Adam. We are all sinners as a direct result. We are all under the law and only Jesus Christ has fulfilled the law for us. HE said it applies until all is accomplished.



Matthew 5:17–18

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” (ESV)

So here in Psalm 50, when God calls the planet to Mount Zion for judgment it is because all are subject to it.

Those of us who have trusted in Christ and what He did for us on the cross with His death and resurrection have been covered by His blood and are no longer subject to the wrath of God. That would also apply to those faithful Jews after the giving of the law and prior to Christ’s sacrifice, as well as all those who were believers prior to giving of the law. But now, none of us have any excuse at all. Paul made that clear in Romans.

Romans 1:20

“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” (ESV)

Here in verse 3, we see God when He appears and appearance is one of judgment and by using the terms, “communicating the seriousness of this courtroom case. Throughout Scripture we are reminded that “the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God” (Deut 4:24; 9:3; Isa 66:15–16; Heb 12:29). God’s people forget—or worse ignore—this at their great peril. Like a raging storm, “a mighty tempest” (ESV), our God will visit us in righteous judgment for our disrespect of him. He will not tolerate it. His patience has its limits.” (Smith and Akin 2022, 345)

Is this yet another warning to those who are into looking good versus having true faith?

We know that after Christ returns to set up His kingdom, the entire planet that survives the Tribulation is gathered at the call of God to one location there in the land, and it is for judgment. Some who are there are godly, but most are not.

The imagery of the Theophany at the giving of the law reflects the awesome power and glory of our God and now it is also reflected as He prepares to judge.

Malachi 3:1–3

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. **And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.**” (ESV)

That day has arrived.

Psalm 50:4–6

“He summons the heavens above, And the earth, **to judge His people: “Gather My godly ones to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.**” And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge. Selah” (NASB 2020)

Who is it that God is commanding to be gathered in front of Him. He has called all the earth to judgment, who is this He is focusing on? Why call the entire planet? As witnesses to what He is about to do



involving a people He has a covenant with. But first, there are those who are faithful, who are Godly and some are of the remnant, some are not and they would not be included in the godly number.

So, we see the command to first gather the godly ones to Himself before He deals with the proclamation of judgment on those who are not living in accordance with the covenant. In other words, those who have rejected Christ, and rejected God. Here we see this command to gather dealing specifically with His godly ones. At the end of the Tribulation there are those who have given their lives to Christ as their Messiah who have survived, there are also those gentiles who have done so as well and that is what this judgment is about. To separate out the believers from those who are not believers. There are those who are remaining faithful to Him and His call is to protect and set aside those who are remaining faithful.

Is this a picture of a future calling? I believe it is and it is preparatory to the beginning of the Kingdom. All the planet has now been called before the Lord and His godly ones; they are on His right hand.

Those only shall be gathered to God as his saints who have, in sincerity, covenanted with him, who have taken him to be their God and given up themselves to him to be his people, and thus have joined themselves unto the Lord. It is only by sacrifice, by Christ the great sacrifice (from whom all the legal sacrifices derived what value they had), that we poor sinners can covenant with God so as to be accepted of him. (Henry 1994, 815)

Psalm 50:6

“And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge. Selah” (NASB 2020)

Jesus Christ has returned, the King is on the throne, the entirety of all those who have survived Armageddon as well as the Great Tribulation are now before Him, and they are already separated as per His command.

John 5:22–23

“For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.” (ESV)

That is the scenario we are now looking down on. God has always been serious about the need to be faithful, but not just from an outward appearance perspective and that is something He will be warning His people about.

This warning is directed to Israel but would also be applicable to us today since much of the church suffers from the same problem of making sure the metrics look good no matter what is going on inside.

Now that the planet has been called in the courtroom, first, God will talk to His people, and the picture we are provided here in the psalm is the Lord addressing His faithful ones, in front of the entire world.

Just as Jesus first addressed the righteous in Matthew 25, so does the Lord Jesus outline for those who are entering the kingdom, why they will be doing so, it is all about the heart. We shall see the same here as well and it is a warning to those who are His but have allowed other stuff into the way.

As followers of Jesus, we are indeed saved, but some of us tend to do things that are for show. We have this legalistic bent and struggle with those who do not act exactly like we think they should.

This is a danger for all of us who walk with the Lord. We are saved by grace, not by what we have done or do or continue to do. We are saved by the grace of God by the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross. There is nothing I can do today or tomorrow that will make God love me more or less.



Notice this again, these are His godly ones He is talking to. The problem is not obedience for this group, it is overly relying on the outward expression only, without always having the inward heart reality which our Lord looks for. Even Samuel fell into the trap while he was preparing to anoint the one God had selected to be King of Israel.

1 Samuel 16:6–7

“When they arrived, Samuel noticed Eliab and said to himself, “Surely, here before the LORD stands his chosen king.” **But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t be impressed by his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. God does not view things the way people do. People look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”**” (NET 2nd ed.)

Samuel would go through all the sons of Jesse until he met David, and that was who the Lord had chosen, the one who looked least like a king. The Lord knew who David really was on the inside, the outside did not matter. That is a tough lesson to learn and here is the Lord teaching it again.

Psalms 50:7–15

“Hear, My people, and I will speak; Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me. I will not take a bull from your house, Nor male goats from your folds. For every animal of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and everything it contains. Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats? Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High; Call upon Me on the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor Me.” (NASB 2020)

Here are those who love the Lord, they are considered His godly ones, yet, just as Jesus said to several of the churches in Revelation 2 & 3, “I have this against you.” This is their report card. Paul tells us that all of us as followers of Jesus get one based on how we lived for Him, just as we see the nation getting their report card here, or rather, a warning of what their report card will look like unless things change.

1 Corinthians 3:11–15

“For no one can lay any foundation other than what is being laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each builder’s work will be plainly seen, for the Day will make it clear, because it will be revealed by fire. And the fire will test what kind of work each has done. If what someone has built survives, he will receive a reward. If someone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but only as through fire.**” (NET 2nd ed.)

Here the Lord provides His assessment, His testimony of what it is He sees in the people. Yes, they are faithful, but there is this issue.

These are His people, but He is no going to testify against them and He will also judge. He says that the testimony will be against them, but He is still their God. They still belonged to Him.

As followers of Jesus, we do indeed sin, none of us is perfect, but we still are His. Just as He instructs Israel to repent, He says the same to us as well.

The issue is not the sacrifices or the burnt offerings. The outward worship looks great. That is not the issue. The problem, all the outward expressions of are simply that, outward. The problem is in the heart. This is a clear warning.

There will be many religious people standing there before Jesus on that day, and they won’t be on His right side, but they will be on His left. If your heart is not there, it means nothing.



When you serve the Lord, whatever it is He has asked you to do, do you do so with a heart of worship and doing it unto the Lord, or is it a sense of duty. Let me quote my daughter who loves the Lord and serves Him but there are those times when others do not take their part in serving and exercising their spiritual gifts, and she feels like it is her job to “do the job” because “if I don’t, then who will.”

I hear her, I have said the same thing. Is my service for the Lord, at that point or for me. It is for me. The nation had fallen into that trap, and we do to. God turns it around into something of a joke.

I am not rebuking you for all the things you do, but why are you doing them? Look, I am not going to your house to take a bull for a burnt offering, or a couple of goats either. You are acting like I will if you do not “do” what you are doing. I own everything and if I was hungry, I wouldn’t tell you since the entire world is mine.

That is really a strange idea, God being hungry, but there are various false religions throughout the world that expect you to bring food as if their god or gods were hungry. That was indeed a real concept in much of the middle east at the time.

In the Ancient Near East, the gods depended on the people’s sacrifices for food. When the flood stopped the giving of sacrifices, the gods nearly starved (Tablet XI of the Gilgamesh Epic). But the God of Israel is different. He does not eat food like human beings, and if he did, he could have supplied his own food, since every living creature belongs to him. (Longman III 2014, 217)

The idea of food being sacrificed to idols is one of the reasons why Paul had to address the issue of grocery shopping store selection in Corinth, in 1 Corinthians 10. Is this a concept that is still of concern today? Yes. Hinduism sacrifices food in their worship even today. I asked a friend who is Hindu, where did the food go, and he said the folks who work in the temple eat it.

Then there is halal food in Islam. The preparation of halal food is “in and of itself, is a healthy way of preparing meat. The problem comes when Allah’s name is pronounced over the meat during the butchering process. Many interpret this to mean the animal was sacrificed to a false god—an idol.” (Got Questions Ministries 2002-2013)

If this is an issue for you, then a study of 1 Corinthians 10 is in order for you. Here is the basic thing for us if we are concerned about what this may mean. First of all, God is the one who has supplied the food, not Allah. Claiming the name of Allah during the preparation of the food does nothing to it physically or spiritually. Just as in Corinth, if you are with someone who believes eating halal food is wrong, then as long as you are with them, don’t eat halal food for concern of their conviction.

If someone serves you a meal and makes a point of saying it is halal, it might be best to refrain as a quiet sign we do not accept the so called authority of the one it was dedicated to.

That being said, and having served in the military in the Middle East where this was very real for me. “If we are in a restaurant or market or school or home that, we suspect, is serving halal food, we should eat and give thanks to the true God who provides.” (Got Questions Ministries 2002-2013) I know I did.

The Lord though continues with His testimony continuing with His ownership of everything asking the question that should He eat the meat from bulls or drink goats blood? That right there would get every single Jew listening total attention. No, you don’t drink the blood, the life is in the blood. Exactly, and who created life, oh yeah, God did.

After shocking a large portion of His audience with that comment, we hear what it is the Lord desires from His people, and it is not ritual or sacrifice that is external, but it is internal.



Psalm 50:14–15

“Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High; Call upon Me on the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor Me.” (NASB 2020)

He has not told the faithful to stop sacrificing. Not at all, “sacrifices are to be expressions of gratitude to God for favours received or in anticipation of a blessing from God. The people were under no obligation to make, or vow to make, peace offerings but when they did offer them they were to do so with the right attitude. The types of peace or fellowship sacrifices in mind are the ‘thanksgiving’ and ‘vow’ offerings (Leviticus 7:11–12, 16), where part of the offering was given back to the worshipper to share with family and friends. (Eveson 2014-2015, 320)

Don’t stop serving the Lord, don’t stop following Him and don’t stop doing what you are doing, what is needed is a recalibration, and adjustment to turn our service back to what it is intended to be, worship and praise to the King. We are to be doing it unto the Lord, with thanksgiving from a full heart overflowing so that others join in with the joy they see you are expressing in your service.

That is the remedy to empty religion, it has been for thousands of years. When our worship is framed by and shaped with thanksgiving for what God has, is, and will do for us with our accompanying prayer and rejoicing in Him, then yes, the heart is now back into the equation and it is no longer empty religion.

He is indeed the Most High, He is the creator of everything. Here is the thing per Christopher Ash, “when we attribute to God what belongs to Him and keep for ourselves what is ours, then we keep nothing, and that very nothing is ours, but everything is God’s, from whom we receive it. Therefore such a confession out of a true heart is itself the sacrifice of praise, namely, to confess that everything, whatever we are, is owed to God, and there is absolutely nothing left for ourselves.” (Ash 2024, 616)

The aspect of prayer is what we see as a promise for those who have indeed recalibrated their service and worship to be in alignment with what God desires. Jesus pointed this out for us.

John 4:23–24

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**” (ESV)

Not in rote ritual, not in boilerplate prayers, not in worship music that has no heart to it. But with all of who we are, in “spirit and truth.” And the promise is all-encompassing.

Psalm 50:15

“**Call upon Me** on the day of trouble; **I will rescue you**, and **you will honor Me.**” (NASB 2020)

There is a reality also being expressed here that we may miss if we are just reading through all of this. The Lord has just warned His people about the issue of empty worship. Oh, they look good and stand and raise their arms up at the right time in the music, but there is nothing there, not really. But when we get our hearts right and our worship becomes a reflection of our total dependence upon the Lord, when the day of trouble comes, and it will, we will not try and solve it on our own.

We are now reliant upon the Lord and as such He is our go to, not our own self-reliance.

Empty worship is in danger of judgment, worship that is coming from a full heart, there is no danger there at all but a recognition on the part of the worshipper that He has everything under control. Calling on Him in the day of trouble is not our last option, it has become our first.



But what about those who are listening into all of this and are witnesses to what God has just said. This doesn't apply to them; there is a much deeper heart problem with everyone else. No, God did not forget them, their issue is unbelief.

Psalm 50:16–21

**“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 yourself hate discipline, And you throw My words behind you. When you see a thief, you become friends with him, And you associate with adulterers. You let your mouth loose in evil, And your tongue harnesses deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother’s son. These things you have done and I kept silent; You thought that I was just like you; I will rebuke you and present the case before your eyes.” (NASB 2020)**

The discussion is now no longer with His people.

Before He was talking to His people and warning as well as encouraging them. Now He is talking directly to those who have rejected God, this would be those who are on the left side of Jesus as He judges them at the end of the age. This too, is a warning.

God is not talking with His people, and He is not talking to or warning His godly ones either, this is for the rest of the planet, those who are in rebellion. And what we are going to discover is sad, there are those who are in rebellion and make no pretense at all about faith in anything, but there are also those who are equal in blame, who are hypocrites.

God addresses all the wicked, and the very first group He talks to are religious hypocrites.

Outwardly, they look good, but unlike the godly ones who have a relationship, these do not. They are not believers at all. Jesus said the following about them.

Luke 6:46

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” (ESV)

Then there is the language Jesus uses as He talks about the yet future judgment on those who are on His left after Armageddon.

Matthew 25:41–46

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (ESV)

But for the hypocrite, many actually believe that everything is good between them and the Lord. One more warning from Jesus.

Matthew 7:21–23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” (ESV)



The hypocrite is alleged to be a Jew, alleged to be a Christian, alleged to be a believer, but isn't.

God takes the allegation and determines there is no proof to support the allegation of faith, therefore, they are included with the wicked.

It is clear here in the psalm that God wants and desires to see repentance from the hypocrites. He desires the same today.

Our problem though is the large number of Laodicean oriented churches that have hypocrites for pastors and staff, who then affirm the wicked lifestyles of those who show up in their churches and refusing to talk about their sin, but instead promising them good things if only they would participate with the quid pro quo God they preach.

Notice this as well, the hypocrites are not believers. Did you pick up on that here in the text?

Psalm 50:16–20

“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 yourself hate discipline, And you throw My words behind you. When you see a thief, you become friends with him, And you associate with adulterers. You let your mouth loose in evil, And your tongue harnesses deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son.” (NASB 2020)

I agree with James Boice on this point, and not many do but it is what the text teaches here.

Let me say it clearly: It is possible for Christians to sin; they do sin. But it is not possible for them to be hypocrites. If they are not intending to do the right thing and wanting to do the right thing, as defined by the moral law of God, they are not Christians, any more than the “wicked” people of this psalm were truly God's people. (Boice 2005, 419)

Yes, that is indeed harsh but meditating on this scripture and considering those I have dealt with in the past who were truly hypocrites and what they became after they were called out, there was no relationship there with the Lord.

As the Lord reveals here, what they do in action is a graphic example of their total and utter lack of faith and as such, they are indeed appropriately classified along with the wicked who never had a relationship and never even pretended to have one.

The indictment includes a hatred of discipline as well as a specific misuse of God's word. I read this and I pray that the Lord help me to accurately teach His word but there are those who do not and they will create their own “theology” by misusing God's word in order to come out in support of the things God holds as abominations and sin.

Liberal pastors have taken to “blessing” abortion clinics to signal support for women who choose to abort their babies according to a Friday report from The New York Times.

At an abortion clinic in Maryland, a Presbyterian pastor, Baptist minister and Jewish cantor burned incense as part of a “ritual blessing” in order “to show that religion could be a source of support for abortion rights,” according to the New York Times. The women wanted to counter religious opposition to the procedure. (Crouson 2024)

The Church of England has a guide for prayers for God's blessing on same sex couples. (The Church of England 2023)



And from the SE Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA, we have prayers for Pride month. (Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 2020)

Again, hypocrisy showing up as religious affirmation of lifestyles that the Bible does not affirm at all. (Deuteronomy 22:5, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:26 & 27)

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (NASB 2020)

Romans 10:8–13

“In fact, it says, “The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.” And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”” (NLT)

The need for repentance has never changed. God flat states here what the real problem with the wicked and the hypocrites is. It is a total misunderstanding of who God is and His holiness. They honestly believe because God tarries with judgement, that they have a pass for their misinterpretation and sin.

Psalms 50:21

“These things you have done and I kept silent; **You thought that I was just like you; I will rebuke you and present the case before your eyes.**” (NASB 2020)

Jesus Christ will do that for each and every person, unless they believe and come to the Lord.

The destination they are warned of here is the Great White Throne Judgment. Personally rebuked by Jesus, check. Case presented in detail to them, check as well.

Revelation 20:11–15 “And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. **I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.** The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (NLT)

As we come to the end of the psalm, God has presented His case, He has presented His warning for the entire planet. For those who are believers as well as for those who are not and those who think they are but never were. Jesus would also reiterate the warning.

As a final word, God speaks again to both groups. First the wicked, and then the Godly.

Psalms 50:22–23

“Now consider this, you who forget God, Or I will tear you in pieces, and there will be no one to save you. He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who sets his way properly I will show the salvation of God.” (NASB 2020)

For the wicked, those who have their own way to God, or are hypocrites or have rejected Him altogether. The call is to consider the warning or judgment is indeed certain.



But for the His people, those who are offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and doing so His way, they will see the salvation of God.

Let's pray.

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