

Slide Notes for Sermon on Psalm 50
Title: The Possibility of Spiritual Integrity
Text: Psalm 50

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Slide 2 – Text Reading Slide (just include these verses of Psalm 50 for the text reading slide)

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 God shines forth.

Psa. 50.3 Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
 before him is a devouring fire,
 around him a mighty tempest.

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 and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones,
 who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

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 for God himself is judge! *Selah*

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1. Justice: God actively cares about the spiritual integrity of his people.

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2. Hope: God renews the theological vision of genuine believers.

7 *"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.*

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8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
9 I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

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12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

This is a direct rebuke of the pretend gods of the surrounding cultures of the day.

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What God wants are not the sacrifices the people bring. God wants the people who bring the sacrifices.

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

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3. Grace: God rebukes the religious gamesmanship of dying pretenders.

Psa. 50.16 But to the wicked God says:
"What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?
17 For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.

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18 If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.
19 "You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.
20 You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother's son.

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21 These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

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Psa. 50.22 “Mark this, then, you who forget God,
 lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
23 The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
 to one who orders his way rightly
 I will show the salvation of God!”

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Col 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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