

Evening Sermon Outline – January 26, 20202

“Here Comes the Judge” Psalm 50

I. His introduction -

He is introduced as the Mighty One, God, the LORD –

¹ **The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down. Psalm 50:1**

1. *God is Judge everywhere - the earth*

2. *God is Judge all day, at all times, not a minute is missed – From the rising of the sun to its going down. Psalm 50:1*

II. *He speaks from Zion (a reference to the invisible church, God’s true people in all ages) -*

² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Psalm 50:2**

¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14–16 (NKJV)**

We are God’s helpers –

² **Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? ... 1 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)**

III. *There will be a final fiery judgment too -*

³ **Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. Psalm 50:3**

¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)**

IV. *But before that a judgment of the church -*

1. *There are witnesses – Psalm 50:4*

⁴ **He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people:**

Verse 4.—“*He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth.*”

That these dumb creatures may be as so many speaking evidences against an unworthy people, and witnesses of God’s righteous dealings against them. See Deut. 32:1; Isaiah 1:2; Mic. 6:2. The Chaldee thus paraphraseth: *He will call the high angels from above; and the just of the earth from beneath.*—John Trapp.

2. *God judges His own people, and those pretending -*

⁵ **“Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” ⁶ Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge. Selah ⁷“Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I *am* God, your God! Psalm 50:5-7**

Verse 5.—“*Made a covenant with me.*” Formerly soldiers used to take an oath not to flinch from their colors, but faithfully to cleave to their leaders; this they called a military oath; such an oath lies upon every Christian. It is so essential to the being of a saint, that they are described by this, “*Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me.*” We are not Christians till we have subscribed this covenant, and that without any reservation. When we take upon us the profession of Christ’s name, we enlist ourselves in his muster-roll, and by it do promise that we will live and die with him in opposition to all his enemies.... He will not entertain us till we resign up ourselves freely to his disposal, that there may be no disputing with his commands afterwards, but, as one under his authority, go and come at his word.—*William Gurnall.*

¹⁷ **For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:17 (NKJV)**

1. *Offerings, if alone, come up short -*

A. *God does not judge them for sacrifice -*

⁸ **I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me. Psalm 50:8**

- They did not fall short in this area, but they deceived themselves about the offering’s importance...

B. God does not need them -

⁹ I will not take a bull from your house, *Nor* goats out of your folds. ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, *And* the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the mountains, *And* the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine. ¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness. ¹³ Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats? Psalm 50:9-13

2. What God desires is:

A. Thanksgiving -

¹⁴ Offer to God thanksgiving, Psalm 50:14 A

B. Faithfulness to vows, keeping your word -

And pay your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14 B

C. Dependence upon God in prayer -

¹⁵ Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” Psalm 50:15

God withholds from them that ask not, lest he should give to them that desire not. (Augustine.)

3. There are wicked, hypocrites within the church, God certainly will judge them –

A. Don't preach it, don't claim it, if you are not going to practice it, a warning to hypocrites -

¹⁶ But to the wicked God says: “What *right* have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, ¹⁷ Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you? Psalm 50:16-17

As if God had said, Thou wicked man, who protectest thy sin, and holdest it close, refusing to return and hating to reform; what hast thou to do to meddle with my covenant? Lay off thy defiled hands. He that is resolved to hold his sin takes hold of the covenant in vain, or rather he lets it go, while he seems to hold it. Woe unto those who sue for mercy while they neglect duty.—Joseph Caryl.

B. Beware when you prefer the company of the ungodly –

¹⁸ When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers. Psalm 50:18

C. Beware of tongue sins -

¹⁹ You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰ You sit *and* speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son. Psalm 50:19-20

D. God does not miss these things, He will judge -

²¹ These *things* you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; *But* I will rebuke you, And set *them* in order before your eyes. ²² “Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And *there be* none to deliver: Psalm 50:21-22

21. “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence.” No swift judgment overthrew the sinner—longsuffering reigned; no thunder was heard in threatening, and no bolt of fire was hurled in execution. “Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself.” The inference drawn from the Lord’s patience was infamous: the respited culprit thought his judge to be one of the same order as himself. He offered sacrifice, and deemed it accepted; he continued in sin, and remained unpunished, and therefore he rudely said, “Why need believe these crazy prophets? God cares not how we live so long as we pay our tithes. Little does he consider how we get the plunder, so long as we bring a bullock to his altar.” What will not men imagine of the Lord? At one time they liken the glory of Israel to a calf and anon their brutish selves. “But I will reprove thee.” At last I will break silence and let thee know my mind. “And set them in order before thine eyes.” I will marshal thy sins in battle array. I will make thee see them, I will put them down item by item, classified, and arranged. Thou shalt know that if silent awhile, I was never blind or deaf. I will make thee perceive what thou hast tried to deny. I will leave the seat of mercy for the throne of judgment, and there will I let thee see how great the difference between thee and me. C.H. Spurgeon

V. The true people of God are known by two things:

1. Godly, heart praise -

23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; Psalm 50:23 A

2. A life that matches your worship and words -

And to him who orders his conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God.” Psalm 50:23 B

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