

Covenant Courtroom Judgment

Psalms of Asaph · Book II

“A Psalm by Asaph.”

PICTURE WORD

Cattle

IN ONE SENTENCE



od summons his people to judgment, wanting thankful hearts and honest vows over empty sacrifices, and warns the wicked who forget him.

Remember it: Fifty: God owns the cattle on a thousand hills; he wants thanks.

MEMORY VERSE

Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

Psalm 50:15 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

תּוֹדָה

“thanksgiving” · verse 14

In the Psalms: twelve times, in 10 psalms

תּוֹדָה means “thanksgiving.” It names both a thankful word and the thank offering brought to the temple. It comes from a root meaning to praise or confess openly. God owns every animal; what he asks for is grateful people who say so out loud.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–6 God shines from Zion and summons his people to judgment.

7–15 God needs no animals; he wants thanks, vows, and prayer.

16–21 God accuses the wicked who quote his words but disobey.

22–23 A warning to those who forget God, and a promise.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 50 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/50.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Justice on the Wicked

Praise & Thanksgiving

God's Word

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God summons his people to _____, wanting _____ hearts and honest _____ over empty sacrifices, and warns the wicked who forget him.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. How many hills does God own the cattle on?

☐ (A) A hundred

☐ (C) Ten thousand

☐ (B) A thousand

☐ (D) Seven

2. What does God tell his people to offer?

☐ (A) The sacrifice of thanksgiving

☐ (C) Gold and silver

☐ (B) A bull from the stall

☐ (D) A new temple

3. What did the wicked man think when God kept silent?

☐ (A) That God was angry

☐ (C) That God was just like him

☐ (B) That God was asleep

☐ (D) That God had left

TALK IT OVER

1. Why does God say he does not need bulls and goats?

2. What does God's courtroom scene reveal about what he truly wants from worshipers?

3. How can thanksgiving become a real offering in your daily life, not just words?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 50 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 15 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: judgment · thankful · vows · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 10) · 2. A (v. 14) · 3. C (v. 21)