

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: November 25, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Psalm 50: 1-23
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... for Reward in Thanksgiving	

Can a person really be judged for not engaging in thanksgiving to God? This psalm is believed to have been used at the required renewal of the covenant relationship between God and His people. The setting is similar to a courtroom scene, with his honor, the Lord summoning the various parties, shining in his glorious splendor and setting forth the way to judgment, as well as the way which leads to peace. The Lord comes therefore riding on Glory, requiring nothing but Gratitude and calling for renewal in the path of Grace.

The call to Renewal highlights God's Supremacy. This seems to be the theme of verses 1-6.

- ✦ God in His Might summons the whole earth to Appear before Him (1)
- ✦ God in His Majesty summons both the heavens & earth as Agents in gathering His people for judgment (2-5)
- ✦ God's Moral Excellence and Authority is celebrated by the Heavens (6)

This is a call to see that we are blessed with the supreme discerner of our lives, which demands that we appreciate God's Attributes. God is the Genuine Evaluator of our lives.

Verses 7-15 speak of the call to Renewal Highlighting God's Sufficiency.

- ✦ He is Lord (7)
- ✦ He Lacks Nothing (8-13)
- ✦ He calls them to listen to the terms of the Covenant which is not between equals (14-15)

This is a call to see that we are blessed with the supreme deliverer of our lives, which demands that we appreciate God's Acts. God is the Genuine Endower of our lives.

The call to Renewal Highlights where God's Standards were being compromised.

This is what is being spoken of in verses 16-23, broken down as:

- ✦ Accusation (16-17)
- ✦ Action (18-20)
- ✦ Attitude (21)
- ✦ Appeasement (22-23)

This is a call to see that we are blessed with the supreme developer of our lives. This demands that we appreciate Advancement in God because the fact is that God is the Genuine Enhancer of our lives.

If we fail to live lives of thankfulness to God, we will not only be judged for dishonoring the Sovereign and Source of all but also miss the fullness of the Salvation He offers. Let us therefore always seek to be mindful of the power, provisions and possibilities there is in God.

