

Psalm 50:1-6ⁱⁱⁱ

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

⁴He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

ⁱⁱⁱ About the Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6

Psalm 50 focuses on the meaning of sacrifice. God’s people have abandoned the covenant and forgotten the real significance of sacrifice. Their offerings do not feed a hungry God nor assure God’s favor; they should rather be an expression of the people’s reliance upon and thankfulness to God.