

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

7-12-15 Ken Carlton

Title: COVENANT LAWSUIT SONG

Main Text: Psalm 50

Sermon Description: Psalm 50 reverberates like a trumpet blast in the ears of mankind signaling the supreme court of all the universe will now convene. A shudder of sobering anxiety ought to course through the spine of every mere mortal caught red handed in their lethargic routine of self-serving living. Divine court is now in session. Psalm 50 reminds us in legal tones that one day a decree will go out through all history to appear before the heavenly throne of God's justice. This song in the most terrifying reality imaginable for those devoid of a propitiation sacrifice. The righteousness of God and His just demands have been revealed throughout scripture in legal terms and so they appear here as well in a song structured like a formal lawsuit. This Psalm of Asaph compels the God fearer to bow before His honor glorifying YHWH with the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Heading: CONSIDERING PSALM 50 AS A GOD-BREATHED LEGAL DOCUMENT...

1. PREAMBLE (1-6)

- a. Plaintiff (Ex3:13-15)
- b. Subpoena (1b)
- c. Supremacy (2-3,6)
- d. Witnesses (4) (Deut 4:26, 30:19)

2. FIRST ORACLE (7-15)

- a. Covenant defendants (5,7 I Pet 4:17-18)
- b. Redress on sacrifices (8-13)
- c. Covenant injunction (14,15)

3. SECOND ORACLE (16-23)

- a. Wicked defendants (16)
- b. Redress by law (17-20)
- c. Judgment indictment (21-22)
- d. Mercy clause (23)

Close: The conclusive fulfillment and quintessential application of Ps 50 would have to be the events recorded in John's Revelation including the Great White Throne Judgement of chap 20 and the worship service recorded in chapter 7:9-12. Here the summons has been heeded the world over and has yielded the sacrifice of eternal thanksgiving. At the Throne of God, His covenant people worship the Lamb of their propitiation glorifying God for their salvation.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Preamble	Witnesses	Covenant people	True sacrifice	Law and wickedness	Gospel fulfillment
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 50:1-6	Dt 4:26,30:19, Ps 50:4	Ps 50:7-13	Ps 50:14-15	Ps 50:16-20	Ps 50:14-15,22-23

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NEXT WEEK: Mat 21:1-10