

Psalm 50

It is God who possesses the incredible power not only to create the universe as we know it, but also to put it into motion on command on a daily basis.

The universe, our planet, and the sun which rises and sets on His command give testimony to the

Awesome, mighty, power of God!

As creator of all, He makes the rules by which all are governed. This makes Him the best judge of whether things are operating according to the design He used to make them. This includes both the material things around us and all living beings.

God proclaims that He wants His people, those who have made a covenant (with sacrifice) to be His people, to offers sacrifices, not for His benefit, but for ours! Our sacrifices are simply evidence of our thankfulness to God for His total provision for us.

But, be well advised. **It is a grave mistake to take any vow to God lightly.** God will not only hold you accountable for your vows, He will also deal with you severely if you do not follow through with it.

But the good news is, "God promises to rescue us any and every time we call upon Him." And the wicked will not get away with their willful disobedience forever! It is only those who seek God and are willing to sacrifice something who will receive His salvation.



1 A psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. 4 He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." 6 And the heavens proclaim 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. 8 I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me. 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, 10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? 14 Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

16 But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? 17 You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. 18 When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. 19 You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. 20 You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son. 21 These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face.

22 "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue: 23 He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."



Philippians 3:1-12

Many of us have the tendency to think that our pedigree gives us some advantage over others with respect to spiritual matters and a relationship to God. Well, the Apostle Paul had among the **finest credentials and family history of anyone.**

But he stated clearly that none of this was of any significance at all relative to the fulfillment of the purposes of the cause of Christ.

We often get caught up in our “religiosity” as though it were the most important thing in life. We are proud to be rated high on the scale of spirituality as measured by the “do”s and “don’t”s of our church. But God sees all of our righteousness as “filthy rags.” We need a thorough “washing” by God’s spirit.

Now the bottom line of all this is: “The single most significant issue in all of life is **knowing Christ fully. I can only be found righteous through Christ’s righteousness, and am only seen as perfectly clean based on my faith in God.**

So, how about it? Why not try God’s way instead of your own notion? Talk to God now!

- > Confess that you are nothing and unclean
- > Ask Christ to be your spiritual mate and guide
- > Commit everything you have and are to Him



1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same thing again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

10 that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.



5 The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. (NNAS)

5 People's thoughts can be like a deep well, but someone with understanding can find the wisdom there. (NCV)

5 The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. (NIV)

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. (KJV)

5 Though good advice lies deep within a counselor's heart, the wise man will draw it out. (TLB)

5 A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out. (NASB)



1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise. 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion; He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life. 3 Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel.

4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

5 A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out. 6 Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy man? 7 A righteous man who walks in his integrity-- How blessed are his sons after him. 8 A king who sits on the throne of justice Disperses all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin"? 10 Differing weights and differing measures, Both of them are abominable to the LORD. 11 It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself If his conduct is pure and right. 12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made both of them.

13 Do not love sleep, lest you become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food. 14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer; But when he goes his way, then he boasts. 15 There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing. 16 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger; And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.

17 Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel. 18 Prepare plans by consultation, And make war by wise guidance. 19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip. 20 He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness. 21 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning, Will not be blessed in the end.

22 Do not say, "I will repay evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. 23 Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD, And a false scale is not good. 24 Man's steps are ordained by the LORD, How then can man understand his way? 25 It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!" And after the vows to make inquiry. 26 A wise king winnows the wicked, And drives the threshing wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the innermost parts of his being.

28 Loyalty and truth preserve the king, And he upholds his throne by righteousness. 29 The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair. 30 Stripes that wound scour away evil, And strokes reach the innermost parts.

Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:

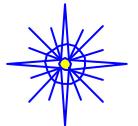


- C Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
 - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
 - Remember the highlighted words
- C Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- C Read God's Word
 - Psalm for today
 - Proverb for today
 - Bible study passage for today
- C Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
 - Remember the highlighted words
- C Pray very specifically
 - I In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
 - C Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
 - [Praise God for His work in your behalf
 - \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
 - Y Intercede for the needs of others
 - Z Petition God for yourself
 - ± Meditate about God's creativity
 - _ Commit to God to do something specific

Since our prayer time would be flooded with never ending requests and we could not possibly pray continuously for every request, DayPrimers has devised a method of randomly selecting certain categories for prayer for this day. DayPrimers also provides prayer request forms which enable you to put start and end dates to the requests.

When you are asked to pray for someone or some thing, be sure that the request is very specific. Only commit to a certain time frame or "as God brings them to mind." Be realistic in your commitments. If you in good faith cannot pray with a sense of conviction that God will answer in a positive way, you should likely not commit to pray for that specific request. **WE ARE NOT ALL CONVINCED OF THE SAME RESULTS!** You cannot be a prayer warrior if you do not believe that victory will be yours. Choose your prayer battles wisely. Then pray to the "end!"

A few sample prayer request forms appear on the following pages:



This specific prayer is for

Family Friend Business Associate Minister Missionary

Names	Needs and Notes	Dates
		Begin
		End
		Begin
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Sing to the Lord!

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
 in the light of His Word,
 what a glory He sheds on our way!
 When we do His good will,
 He abides with us still
 and with all who will trust and obey!

Chorus:

Trust and obey
 for there's no other way
 to be happy in Jesus
 than to trust and obey.