



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

Passage: Psalm 50

Title: True Faith versus Worthless Faith

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Discussion Starter –What exactly is faith? How do you think most people define faith? What is worthless faith?

Read Psalm 50:1-6

1. Who is speaking? To whom is He speaking? What is He announcing?
2. What language and terms are used to portray God as awesome, magnificent, and deserving of absolute respect?
 - a. How do you reconcile God as a consuming fire, while also knowing Him as our Good Shephard?
3. On what basis or standard is God said to be judging His saints in this psalm, (verse 5)?

Read Psalm 50:7-15

4. To whom is God speaking to in this portion of the psalm? Is He refusing to receive their sacrifices?
5. Is God for or against his people?
6. Does God desire additional offerings? What does He request from His people, (verse 14-15)?
 - b. What does it mean to “pay your vows”? How are marriage vows similar or different from vows to God?
 - c. What vows have you made to God? Are you fulfilling them?

Read Psalm 50:16-21

7. To whom is God speaking in this portion of the psalm? What are their identifying practices?
 - d. Why are these practices in verses 17-20 provided as sure evidence of a dead or worthless faith? What are identifiers of true faith?
8. Does God’s silence imply His approval? What misunderstanding does God identify in these people?
 - e. In what ways do you confuse God’s ways with your own? Where can we accurately learn about God?
9. What steps does God take to correct and lead us in paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake?

Read Psalm 50:22-23

10. How do these verses describe God’s fearsome passion as well as His lovingkindness?
 - f. What does this psalm teach you to better understand the relationship God desires to have with you?