

# MAPPING THE PSALMS


Lesson 8

THE EXODUS BOOK, Part Two

Ps 50 to 55

Look for the answer to these questions:

1. On Slide 4, what are the 2 sets of opposite things in the structure of this section?
2. In Psalm 50:21, God says, “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence.” Does God’s silence mean he is happy about what he sees?
3. In Psalm 50:14-15, what is the promise God makes to his people?
4. In Psalm 51:6, what is the thing that God desires?
5. In Psalm 51:17, what is the thing that God “will not despise”?
6. Psalm 14 and Psalm 53 are very similar. In what important way are they different?




Book 2 (Ps 42-72): EXODUS

Israel's Need for Redemption  
Ps 42 to 49

Israel's Redeemer  
Ps 50 to 60

Israel's Redemption  
Ps 61 to 72

There are 11 psalms in this section



Book 2 (Ps 42-72): EXODUS

PART TWO


Israel's Redeemer  
Ps 50 to 60

[A] God Speaks to His People (50)

[B] The Repentant, Confessed and Forgiven (51)

[B] The Unrepentant, Unconfessed and Unforgiven (52-55)

[A] God's People Speak to Him (56-60)



Book 2 (Ps 42-72): EXODUS

[A] God Speaks to His People (50)

PART TWO

Israel's Redeemer  
Ps 50 to 60

God speaks to the obedient and the disobedient among his people, giving each the opportunity to receive his blessing.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks, 1-6

God Speaks, 7-13

Man's Duty to God, 14

God's Promise to man, 15

This pattern is repeated.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks, 1-6

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

First, the Psalmist calls the people to attention.

He tells them that, even though God has been silent, he will not be silent when he comes to judge the earth.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks, 1-6

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
- <sup>3</sup> **Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:  
a fire shall devour before him,  
and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.**
- <sup>4</sup> **He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth,  
that he may judge his people.**
- <sup>5</sup> Gather my saints together unto me;  
those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
- <sup>6</sup> And the heavens shall declare his righteousness:  
for God *is* judge himself. Selah.



## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 7-13

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

Now God speaks to the **obedient** among his people.  
They have misunderstood the meaning of the sacrifices.  
These sacrifices are not for HIS good, or to satisfy HIS need.  
They are for the good of the PEOPLE.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 7-13

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:7-13

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel,  
and I will testify against thee:

I *am* God, even thy God.

<sup>8</sup> I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices  
or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

<sup>9</sup> I will take no bullock out of thy house,  
*nor* he goats out of thy folds.

<sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest *is* mine,  
*and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know all the fowls of the mountains:  
and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry, I would not tell thee:  
for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

<sup>13</sup> Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

### Psalm 50:14

<sup>14</sup> Offer unto God thanksgiving;  
and pay thy vows unto the most High:

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God, 14

God's Promise to man

Man's duty to God is to show his thanksgiving by paying his vows.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

### Psalm 50:15

<sup>15</sup> And call upon me in the day of trouble:  
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man, 15

God's promise to those who keep their duty is to deliver them in their day of trouble.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

### Psalm 50:16a

<sup>16</sup> But unto the wicked God saith...

The Psalmist Speaks, 16a

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

The Psalmist now prepares the faithless and rebellious people to hear strong reproof from God.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 16b-22

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:16b-17

- <sup>16</sup> ... What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,  
or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?
- <sup>17</sup> Seeing thou hatest instruction,  
and castest my words behind thee.

The LORD wonders how they dare to talk about his commandments when all they do is disobey them.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 16b-22

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:18-20

- <sup>18</sup> When thou sawest a thief,  
then thou consentedst with him,  
and hast been partaker with adulterers.
- <sup>19</sup> Thou givest thy mouth to evil,  
and thy tongue frameth deceit.
- <sup>20</sup> Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother;  
thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 16b-22

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:21

<sup>21</sup> These *things* hast thou done, **and I kept silence;**  
thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as  
thyself:

***but I will reprove thee,***  
and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

Just because God is silent, that does not mean he is  
happy with what he sees.



## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 16b-22

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:22

<sup>22</sup> Now consider this, ye that forget God,  
lest I tear you in pieces,  
*and there be none to deliver.*

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks, 16b-22

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man

### Psalm 50:22

<sup>22</sup> Now consider this, ye that forget God,  
lest I tear you in pieces,  
*and there be none to deliver.*

In this Exodus book of Psalms, we are reminded that only God can deliver us from the bondage of sin.

### Hosea 13:4

... I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt,  
and thou shalt know no god but me:  
for *there is* no saviour beside me.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

### Psalm 50:23a

<sup>23</sup> Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me:

The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God, 23a

God's Promise to man

Man's duty is to glorify God through praise and holy living.

## Ps 50: God Speaks to His People

### Psalm 50:23b

<sup>23</sup> ... and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.


The Psalmist Speaks

God Speaks

Man's Duty to God

God's Promise to man, 23b

God's promise is to show the blessings of salvation to those who live by his rules.



Book 2 (Ps 42-72): EXODUS

[A] God Speaks to His People (50)

PART TWO

Israel's Redeemer  
Ps 50 to 60

[B] The Repentant, Confessed and Forgiven (51)

God used Nathan to show David that he could not hide his sin. But God could not *forgive* David until he *acknowledged* his wrongdoing and repented of his sin. Psalm 51 is David's psalm of repentance "when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba."

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

This pattern is repeated.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

### David's Prayer, 1-2

David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to thy lovingkindness:  
according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

David's Confession, 3-5

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:3-5

- <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions:  
and my sin *is* ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
and done *this* evil in thy sight:  
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,  
*and* be clear when thou judgest.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.



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David's Confession, 3-5

God's Desire

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Why did David say that his sin was only against God, and not Uriah (who was killed) or Bathsheba (whom he caused to commit adultery)?

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and in sin did my mother conceive me.

God gave us the laws of righteous living, summarized by the two great commandments – to love God and love our neighbor. When David committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged for Uriah to be killed, he broke the second commandment. Since GOD gave us these commandments, a sin against our neighbor is a sin against God.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

David's Confession

God's Desire, 6

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:6

<sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:  
and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to  
know wisdom.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise, 7-8

### Psalm 51:7-8

- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness;  
*that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

## Ps 51: The Repentant

### David's Prayer, 9-13

David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:9-13

- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,  
and blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me *with thy free spirit*.
- 13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

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and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Notice how in each verse, one truth is said two different ways.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

Confession, 14-15

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:14-15

- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,  
O God, thou God of my salvation:  
*and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.*
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open thou my lips;  
and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer

David's Confession

God's Desire, 16-17

David's Prayer and Praise

### Psalm 51:16-17

- <sup>16</sup> For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*:  
thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit:  
a broken and a contrite heart, O God,  
thou wilt not despise.



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a broken and a contrite heart, O God,  
thou wilt not despise.

To have a **broken spirit** does not mean to be sad or depressed. It means to be submitted to God. One of the most beautiful animals in the world is a wild horse. It is like poetry to watch it run. But until that horse's spirit is broken, it has no use to man. He cannot ride it, and he cannot use it to pull a wagon. People are like horses. They can be beautiful and talented and smart, but until they are submitted to God, they are useless to him.

## Ps 51: The Repentant

David's Prayer


David's Confession

God's Desire

David's Prayer and Praise, 18-19

### Psalm 51:18-19

- <sup>18</sup> Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:  
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- <sup>19</sup> Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of  
righteousness,  
with burnt offering and whole burnt offering:  
then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.



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But all men are not like David. Those with a hard and impenitent heart will eventually reap what they sowed.

## Ps 52: The Unrepentent

The enemies boast

They will be destroyed

The righteous will laugh

They will live forever

In Psalm 52, we see that one day things will be very different.

## Ps 52: The Unrepentent

The enemies boast, 1-4

They will be destroyed

The righteous will laugh

They will live forever

### Psalm 52:1-4

- <sup>1</sup> Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.
- <sup>2</sup> Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- <sup>3</sup> Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
- <sup>4</sup> Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

## Ps 52: The Unrepentent

The enemies boast

They will be destroyed, 5

The righteous will laugh

They will live forever

### Psalm 52:5

<sup>5</sup> God shall likewise destroy thee for ever,  
he shall take thee away,  
and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place,  
and root thee out of the land of the living.  
Selah.

## Ps 52: The Unrepentent

The enemies boast

They will be destroyed

The righteous will laugh, 6-7

They will live forever

### Psalm 52:6-7

<sup>6</sup> The righteous also shall see, and fear,  
and shall laugh at him:

<sup>7</sup> Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength;  
but trusted in the abundance of his riches,  
*and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

## Ps 52: The Unrepentent

The enemies boast

They will be destroyed

The righteous will laugh

They will live forever, 8-9

### Psalm 52:8-9

- <sup>8</sup> But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God:  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- <sup>9</sup> I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*:  
and I will wait on thy name;  
for *it is* good before thy saints.



Psalm 14

Psalm 53

Psalm 53 is almost identical to Psalm 14, but with important differences:

## Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup> The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no* God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*

## Psalm 53

<sup>1</sup> The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no* God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doeth good.*

Both psalms begin the same way.

## Psalm 14

- 1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*
- 2 **The LORD** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

Ps 14 refers to the Almighty as the LORD (Jehovah). *Jehovah* is the God of “those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice” (Ps 50:5).

## Psalm 53

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Ps 53 refers to the Almighty as God (Elohim). *Elohim* is the God of all creation.

## Psalm 14

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- <sup>2</sup> **The LORD** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

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- <sup>2</sup> **God** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

In Psalm 14, God speaks only to his people.  
In Psalm 53, God speaks to everyone.

## Psalm 14

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- 2 **The LORD** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as they eat bread, and call not upon **the LORD.***

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- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as they eat bread, and call not upon **the LORD.***
- 7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come out of Zion! when **the LORD** bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.*

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## Psalm 14

Ps 14 speaks of the shame **the wicked** try to bring upon those who trust in God.

## Psalm 53

Ps 53 speaks of the shame **God** will bring on the wicked.



## Psalm 14

Ps 14 speaks of the shame **the wicked** try to bring upon those who trust in God.

5 There were they in great fear:

for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye [evildoers] have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.


## Psalm 53

Ps 53 speaks of the shame **God** will bring on the wicked.

5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was:

for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee:

thou [God] hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.



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Psalm 54 leaves no doubt about the terrible end that awaits those who die unredeemed.

## Ps 54: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Reason

God's Promise

Praise

Reason

The seven verses of this psalm are centered on God's promise to uphold his people and cut off their enemies:

## Ps 54: The Unrepentant

Prayer

### Psalm 54:1-7

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Reason

God's Promise

Praise

Reason

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### Psalm 54:1-7

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

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- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.
- 4 Behold, God *is* mine helper:  
the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.
- 5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:  
cut them off in thy truth.

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- 4 Behold, God *is* mine helper:  
the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.
- 5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:  
cut them off in thy truth.
- 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee:  
I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is good*.

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Reason

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- 5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:  
cut them off in thy truth.
- 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee:  
I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is good*.
- 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble:  
and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.





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In Psalm 55, David seeks justice after being betrayed by a friend.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

Prayer (1-5)

Encouragement (6-8)

Prayer (9-11)

Betrayal (12-14)

Prayer (15)

Encouragement (16-19)

Betrayal (20-21)

Encouragement (22)

Prayer (23)

This psalm includes sections of prayer, encouragement, and betrayal.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

Prayer (1-5)

### Psalm 55:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
and hide not thyself from my supplication.
- <sup>2</sup> Attend unto me, and hear me:  
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
- <sup>3</sup> Because of the voice of the enemy,  
because of the oppression of the wicked:  
for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is sore pained within me:  
and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
- <sup>5</sup> Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,  
and horror hath overwhelmed me.

Encouragement (6-8)

Prayer (9-11)

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## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

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### Psalm 55:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!  
*for then would I fly away, and be at rest.*
- <sup>7</sup> Lo, *then* would I wander far off,  
*and* remain in the wilderness.  
Selah.
- <sup>8</sup> I would hasten my escape from the windy storm  
*and* tempest.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

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### Psalm 55:9-11

- <sup>9</sup> Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues:  
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- <sup>10</sup> Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:  
mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.
- <sup>11</sup> Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof:  
deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

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### Psalm 55:12-14

- <sup>12</sup> For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me;  
then I could have borne *it*:  
neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify  
*himself* against me;  
then I would have hid myself from him:
- <sup>13</sup> But *it was* thou, a man mine equal,  
my guide, and mine acquaintance.
- <sup>14</sup> We took sweet counsel together,  
*and* walked unto the house of God in company.

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It is much less painful to be betrayed by an enemy than by a friend. This unnamed counselor and friend is most likely Ahithophel, the man who was behind Absalom's plot to usurp the throne (2 Sam 15-17). When the plot failed, he killed himself.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

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Betrayal (20-21)

Encouragement (22)

Prayer (23)

### Psalm 55:15

<sup>15</sup> Let death seize upon them,  
*and* let them go down quick into hell:  
for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.



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Prayer (23)

### Psalm 55:16-19

- <sup>16</sup> As for me, I will call upon God;  
and the LORD shall save me.
- <sup>17</sup> Evening, and morning, and at noon,  
will I pray, and cry aloud:  
and he shall hear my voice.
- <sup>18</sup> He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that*  
*was* against me: for there were many with me.
- <sup>19</sup> God shall hear, and afflict them,  
even he that abideth of old. Selah.  
Because they have no changes [remorse],  
therefore they fear not God.

## Ps 55: The Unrepentant

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Encouragement (6-8)

Prayer (9-11)

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Betrayal (20-21)

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Prayer (23)

### Psalm 55:20-21

<sup>20</sup> He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him:  
he hath broken his covenant.

<sup>21</sup> *The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart:  
his words were softer than oil,  
yet were they drawn swords.*

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### **Psalm 55:22**

<sup>22</sup> Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

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### **Psalm 55:23**

<sup>23</sup> But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction:  
bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;  
but I will trust in thee.



Book 2 (Ps 42-72): EXODUS

PART TWO

Israel's Redeemer  
Ps 50 to 60

[A] God Speaks to His People (50)

[B] The Repentant, Confessed and Forgiven (51)

[B] The Unrepentant, Unconfessed and Unforgiven (52-55)

[A] God's People Speak to Him (56-60)

The last 5 psalms in this section will be in the next lesson.

## Questions to Test Your Understanding of this Lesson

1. On Slide 4, what are the 2 sets of opposite things in the structure of this section?
2. In Psalm 50:21, God says, “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence.” Does God’s silence mean he is happy about what he sees?
3. In Psalm 50:14-15, what is the promise God makes to his people?
4. In Psalm 51:6, what is the thing that God desires?
5. In Psalm 51:17, what is the thing that God “will not despise”?
6. Psalm 14 and Psalm 53 are very similar. In what important way are they different? Here is a clue: Why is the Almighty called both THE LORD (Jehovah) and GOD (Elohim)?

More questions on the next slide!

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.

## Questions to Test Your Understanding of this Lesson

7. This answer is NOT in the lesson. Thinking about Psalm 50:5, what sacrifice is the basis of YOUR covenant with God? (It is not something you did!)
8. In Psalm 51:4, why did David say that his sin was only against God, and not against Uriah or Bathsheba?
9. In Psalm 55:21, what are the two ways the betrayer's words are described?
10. This answer is NOT in the lesson. Compare Psalm 52:6-7 and Matthew 27:41-43 (on the next slide). Who are the ones laughing? What are they laughing about?

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.

### **Psalm 52:6-7**

- <sup>6</sup> The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:
- <sup>7</sup> Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

### **Matthew 27:41-43**

- <sup>41</sup> Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,
- <sup>42</sup> He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.
- <sup>43</sup> He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.





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