GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

SERMON TITLE: God Is Always Right

KEY TEXT (ESV): Psalm 50, Isaiah 6:6

Big Idea: God is not impressed by outward acts of worship, religious duty, or service when our hearts are far from Him. He desires a sincere relationship, not empty rituals. When we live in self-deception, thinking that just because we serve, give, or attend church, we are right with Him, we risk forgetting who He truly is in our lives. God sees beyond appearances and calls us to honour Him with integrity, obedience, and thanksgiving. True worship flows from a heart that fears God, walks in His truth, and responds to His mercy with humility and reverence.

In this sermon, Pastor Moffat awakened us to the danger of self-deception and called us to true worship that honours God through obedience and heartfelt gratitude.

Psalm 50 NKJV

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." But to the wicked God says, "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother, you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly, I will show the salvation of God!"

God Bless You!

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<u>Leader Heads-Up</u>: A good shepherd knows the condition of their flock and pays careful attention to their numbers! Are all members of your group accounted for? Take attendance of all the members present, including the visitors.

A. Start Talking:

Each One Reach One: How did your connection go with the person you committed to reach out to last week? What went well, and what is one thing you would do differently next time to make the connection more meaningful?

B. Start Thinking

- Have you ever felt like you're doing God a favour by serving, giving, or worshipping? What would it look like to shift your heart toward gratitude instead, serving Him because you love Him, not out of obligation or other motives? Read Psalm 50:10-15 ESV
- 2. Read **Psalm 50:16-17 ESV**. Does your everyday life match the worship you offer on Sundays? What's one specific area, like your speech, habits, or decisions, that needs to reflect God's truth more consistently during the week?
- 3. Are there areas of your life where you act or speak as if God isn't watching? What steps can you take this week to honour God more consistently in those moments? Read Psalm 50:22-23 ESV

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will walk in alignment with God's purpose for your life, and that your actions will consistently reflect His will and direction.

D. Start Doing

- **1. Examine** your heart to ensure your worship and service flow from a genuine relationship with God, not routine or performance.
- **2. Identify** one area where you may be living in self-deception and bring it before God in repentance and honesty.
- **3. Realign** your speech and actions to reflect the holiness of God rather than treating Him casually or assuming He approves of everything you do.
- **4. Give** God thanksgiving and obedience as true worship, recognising that He desires your heart more than your sacrifices.

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