

PRAYING PSALM 50

“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth” (Psalm 50:2).

This psalm anticipates the fullness of the New Covenant in the Millennium. 1. INTRODUCTION TO THE JUDGMENT (1-6). Under three names the Trinity summons all creation to judgment. The names are: The Mighty One (El is the singular for God). God (Elohim is the plural for God). The Lord (Jehovah) is the name of God. He will shine forth out of Zion. Fire shall devour before Him. This is the judgment of Israel. Christ will judge Israel and the nations prior to the setting up of His kingdom (Zechariah 13:6-14:9). 2. JUDGMENT ON THEIR WORSHIP (7-15). Israel’s worship was formalistic and legalistic. It was impersonal and lacked sincerity. They glorified themselves instead of the Lord. 3. JUDGMENT ON THE WICKED (16-21). Israel’s wickedness was in their apostasy. 4. JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO FORGET GOD (22-23). This is a call to repentance and salvation.

When you pray for justice, you pray for judgment. When you pray for the coming Kingdom, you are praying for the coming Judge. Asaph, the author of this psalm, did not hesitate in asking God to judge the wicked. Do you pray for God to judge the wicked? When you pray for Christ to return to set up His kingdom, you automatically pray for future judgment, future justice. This psalm is an encouragement to do that. Pray for world peace, but realize you are asking for the judgment which must come first. The way to endure the wickedness of our world is to pray for justice and realize judgment will come. When you pray for Jesus to return, you are asking Him to judge the wicked. “Even so, come Lord Jesus.”