

Psalm 50

4. ⁹I have no need
to take of thee at all
Goats of thy fold,
or calf out of thy stall.
¹⁰For all the beasts
are mine within the woods:
On thousand hills
cattle are mine own goods.
¹¹I know for mine
all birds that are on mountains:
All beasts are mine
which haunt the fields and fountains.
5. ¹²Hungry if I were,
I would not thee it tell:
For all is mine,
that in this world doth dwell.
¹³Eat I the flesh
of great bulls or bullocks?
Or drink the blood
of goats and of the flocks?
¹⁴Offer to God
praise and hearty thanksgiving
And pay thy vows
unto God ever-living.
6. ¹⁵Call upon me,
when troubled thou shalt be,
Then will I help,
and thou shalt honour me.
¹⁶To the wicked
thus sayeth th'eternal God,
Why dost thou preach
my laws and hestes¹⁷ abroad,
Seeing thou hast
them with thy mouth abused,
¹⁷And hatest to be
by discipline reformed?
7. My words, I say,
thou dost reject and hate.
¹⁸If that thou see
a thief, as with thy mate,
Thou runnest with him,
and so your praise do seek,
And art all one
with bauds and ruffians eke.
¹⁹Thou givest thyself
to backbite and to slander,
And how thy tongue
deceiveth, it is a wonder.
8. ²⁰Thou sitteth musing,
thy brother how to blame,
And how to put
thy mother's son to shame.
²¹These things thou didst:
and whilst I held my tongue,
Thou didst me judge,
(because I stayed so long)
Like to thyself:
yet though I kept long silence,
Once shalt thou feel
of thy wrongs just recompense.
9. ²²Consider this,
ye that forget the Lord,
And fear not when
he threateneth with his word,
Lest without help
I spoil you as a prey,
²³But he that thanks
offereth, praiseth me aye,
Sayeth the Lord God:
and he that walketh this trace,
I will him teach
God's saving health to embrace.

¹⁷ Vows or promises.