

“God doesn’t need my money!”

by Wayne Goff

When I first began preaching a wealthy Christian defended his meager giving with the statement: “God doesn’t need my money!” I was dumbfounded. I didn’t know such thinking existed among professed Christians.

It is true that **God doesn’t need our money**. In fact, in **Psalm 50** God proclaimed “*If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness*” (50:12). God further proclaimed that (1) every beast of the forest is God’s (50:10); (2) the cattle on a thousand hills is God’s (50:10); (3) all the birds of the mountains and wild beasts of the field are God’s (50:11). **So why does God ask for sacrifice from us? Because WE NEED to worship God!**

“Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me” (50:14-15). Man is finite, limited, dependent, and powerless – **God is infinite, unlimited, independent, all-powerful**. One day man will see his need for God, and failure to worship Him in the good days will lead to eternal disaster. So God instructs the righteous to worship Him.

“But to the wicked God says: *‘What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?’* (50:16-17). God condemned the wicked for stealing, committing adultery, evil-speaking, and deceitful slander (50:18-20). Amazingly God warns them when He said: *“These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes”* (50:21). The wicked will not get away with their wickedness even though God may delay His judgment and presently seem quiet. He is a God of integrity and honesty!

The final warning from God to the wicked is *“Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver”* (50:22). **Be wise and repent!**

The promise to the righteous is *“Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God”* (50:23).

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