June 19th

Scripture Reading: Psalms 49:1-51:9

Memory Verses: Psalm 50:16-17 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.”

Song: “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

“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” (Psalm 50:18-21).

The life we live affects our relationship with God and how God views our worship. It is easy to compromise and allow sin to creep into our lives. Through it all we begin to think that God thinks and acts as we do. The more we allow sin in our lives, the more we think God will accept that sin. “You thought I was one like yourself.”

But God is supremely holy; He cannot look on sin and act as if nothing were happening (Habakkuk 1:13). On the other hand, wicked people hate discipline and cast His words behind their backs. They do not want to hear the truth or obey the commandments, because this would demand they cease their evildoing.

In your own relationship with the Lord, do you allow sin to creep into your life? Do you despise discipline on one hand, while reciting Scripture in your worship? Has this inconsistency made you think differently about God? Does the nature of God change in your thinking as you change what you are willing to accept in your life?

Let us see our God as holy and righteous, never bringing Him down to our own level.

Prayer: “Oh Father, please open my eyes always to Your holiness and righteousness. Help me to live so as to glorify Your name always. Oh Lord, may I never take Your grace for granted. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”

Thought Questions:

Do I take God’s grace for granted or cheapen it to allow my compromises?

Do I think of God like myself?

Do I understand God’s unlimited holiness and righteousness?