

# Psalms 50:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings,  
to have been continually before me.

## Analysis

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The surprising clarification: 'I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.' God's complaint is not about neglecting sacrifices--they have been offered 'continually.' The problem lies elsewhere, in the attitude and understanding behind the ritual.

## Historical Context

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Israel maintained sacrificial system even when their hearts were far from God. The prophets frequently distinguished between outward ritual and genuine worship (Isaiah 1:11-17; Amos 5:21-24).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Why is it significant that God's rebuke is not about neglecting sacrifices?
2. What distinction does this verse establish between ritual compliance and genuine worship?

## Interlinear Text

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א	ל	עַל	זְבָחֶיךָ	אֹכִיךָ	בְּ	יְעוֹלֹתַיִךְ	לְנֶגְדִי
H3808		H5921	H2077	H3198		H5930	H5048
		thee for thy sacrifices		I will not reprove		or thy burnt offerings	

תָּמִיד:  
to have been continually  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 51:16** (Sacrifice): For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

**Hosea 6:6** (Sacrifice): For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.