

Psalm 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

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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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thee for thy sacrifices

I will not reprove

or thy burnt offerings

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to have been continually

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Additional Cross-References

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.

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