

**Dig Deeper into Ken's message, "A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving: It All Belongs to God"**  
**from 1-5-25**

1. The sermon began by discussing a common misconception that the Israelites had about their sacrifices to God. What was this misconception, and how might we hold similar misconceptions about our giving today?
2. Ken used the example of his parents' weekly check-writing ritual at church to illustrate mindful giving. What rituals or practices help you maintain mindfulness in your giving? What might you need to change?
3. The sermon touched on how modern conveniences like online giving can disconnect us from thoughtful worship. How can we maintain a worshipful heart while using modern giving methods?
4. Looking at verses 10-11, God reminds us that He owns "the cattle on a thousand hills" and "every bird in the mountains." How does this perspective of God's ownership change how you view your possessions?
5. Ken shared the humorous story about the scientist making a human from dirt. How does this story challenge our modern sense of self-sufficiency? Where do you see this attitude in today's world?
6. The sermon mentioned how disconnected many people are from basic realities like where food comes from. How has this disconnection affected our recognition of God's provision in our lives?
7. Consider the story of the Israelites receiving wealth from the Egyptians before the exodus. How does this narrative demonstrate God's sovereignty over resources and His ability to move them for His purposes?
8. Ken shared the story of John G. Hardin and his generous use of oil wealth. What principles can we learn from how he viewed and used his resources?
9. The sermon suggested that everything we have will eventually belong to someone else (houses, cars, etc.). How should this temporal nature of ownership affect our attitude toward possessions?
10. What's the difference between following the "letter of the law" in giving versus giving with the right heart? How can we examine our own motivations in giving?
11. Ken mentioned that "even your ability to work and earn is a gift from Him." How does this perspective change how we view our careers and income?
12. How might our church community be different if everyone truly embraced the concept that nothing belongs to us and everything belongs to God? What specific changes might we see?

**Dig Deeper into the ideas of this sermon by reading through these versus and questions.**

1. Read Psalm 50:7-14 again. How does God's statement that He "brings no charges" about their sacrifices (v.8) connect with His later critique? What does this teach us about external religious observance versus heart attitude?
2. Compare this passage with 1 Samuel 15:22 ("Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings...as much as in obeying the Lord?"). How do these passages complement each other regarding God's view of ritual versus obedience?
3. In verse 12, God says "If I were hungry I would not tell you." Study this alongside Acts 17:24-25. How do these passages develop our understanding of God's self-sufficiency?
4. Look at Exodus 12:35-36 regarding the Israelites receiving Egyptian wealth. How does this connect with Psalm 50's teaching about God's ownership of everything? What was the ultimate purpose of this wealth according to Exodus 35-40?
5. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14-16, where David acknowledges that everything comes from God. How does this parallel the message of Psalm 50? What additional insights does David's prayer provide?
6. Study Deuteronomy 8:17-18 alongside this psalm. How do both passages address the human tendency to claim credit for our wealth and resources?
7. Consider Jesus' parable in Luke 12:16-21 (the Rich Fool). How does this story illustrate the principles about ownership that we see in Psalm 50?
8. Read Haggai 2:8 ("The silver is mine and the gold is mine, declares the Lord Almighty"). How does this prophetic statement reinforce the message of Psalm 50:10-12?
9. Study Matthew 6:19-21 about storing treasures in heaven. How does this New Testament teaching build upon the principles found in Psalm 50?
10. Look at 2 Corinthians 9:7 about cheerful giving. How does this connect with the heart issues God addresses in Psalm 50?
11. Read Malachi 3:8-10 about bringing the whole tithe. How does understanding Psalm 50's message about God's ownership affect our interpretation of this passage?
12. Study 1 Peter 4:10 about being "good stewards of God's varied grace." How does this New Testament concept of stewardship reflect the principles taught in Psalm 50?