



# PSALMS

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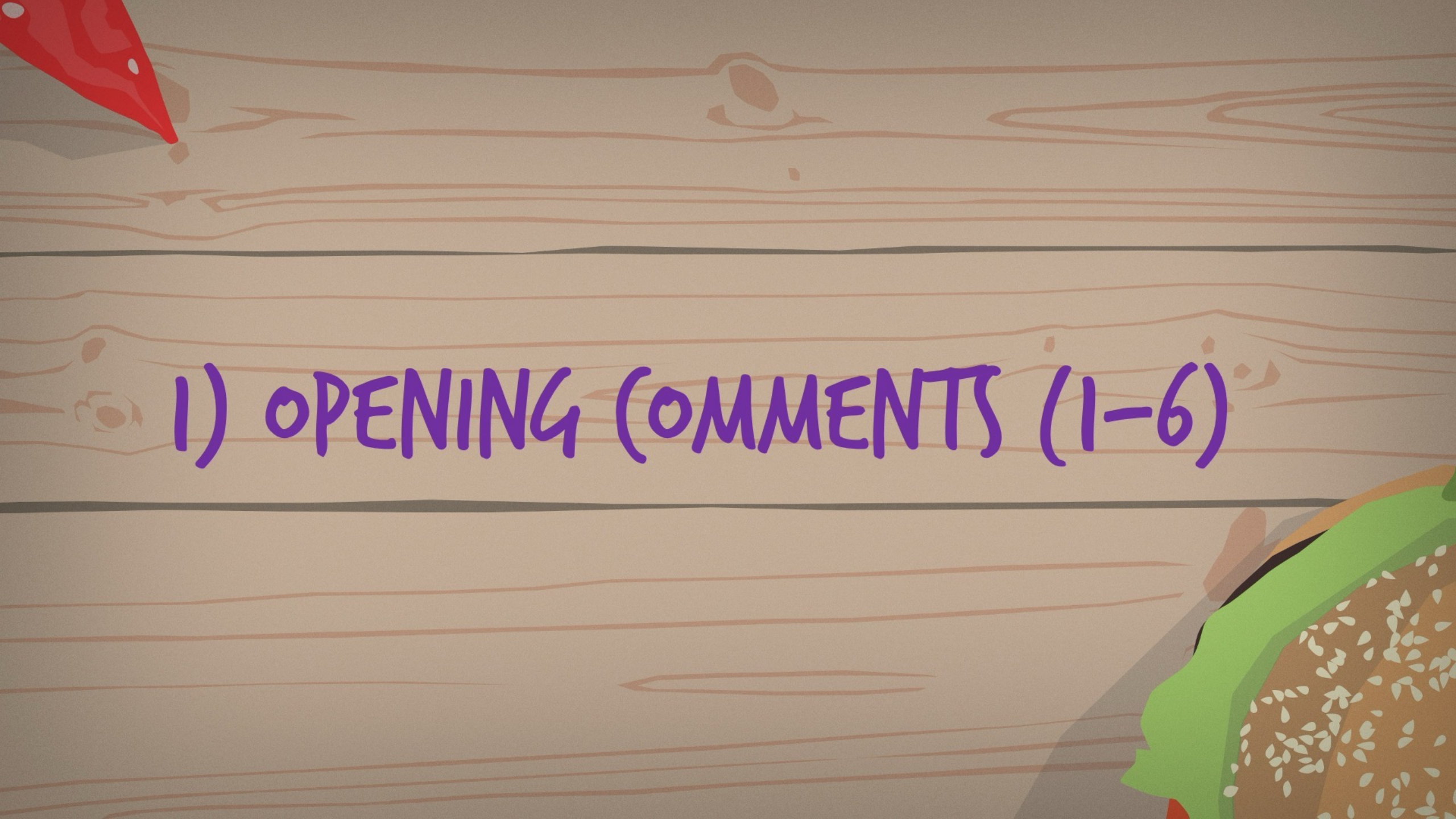
PSALM 50



“The whole psalm is addressed to the covenant-people, speaking first to the unthinkingly religious, and then to the hardened and hypocritical, to bring them a sharp breath of reality. It is the message which the prophets and finally Jesus had to put to a church that had forgotten that its dealings were with the living God.”

**Derek Kidner**





1) OPENING COMMENTS (1-6)



*A psalm of Asaph.*

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks;  
he summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>From Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God appears in radiance.

<sup>3</sup>Our God is coming; he will not be silent!  
Devouring fire precedes him,  
and a storm rages around him.



David appointed some of the Levites to be ministers before the ark of the Lord, to celebrate the Lord God of Israel, and to give thanks and praise to him. Asaph was the chief and Zechariah was second to him. Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel played the harps and lyres, while Asaph sounded the cymbals and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel blew the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

**1 Chronicles 16:4-6**



<sup>4</sup>On high, he summons heaven and earth  
in order to judge his people:

<sup>5</sup>“Gather my faithful ones to me,  
those who made a covenant with me by  
sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
for God is the Judge.

*Selah*



“When you have children and grandchildren and have been in the land a long time, and if you act corruptly, make an idol in the form of anything, and do what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, angering him, I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that you will quickly perish from the land you are about to cross the Jordan to possess. You will not live long there, but you will certainly be destroyed.

**Deuteronomy 4:25-26**



Assemble all your tribal elders and officers before me so that I may speak these words directly to them and call heaven and earth as witnesses against them.

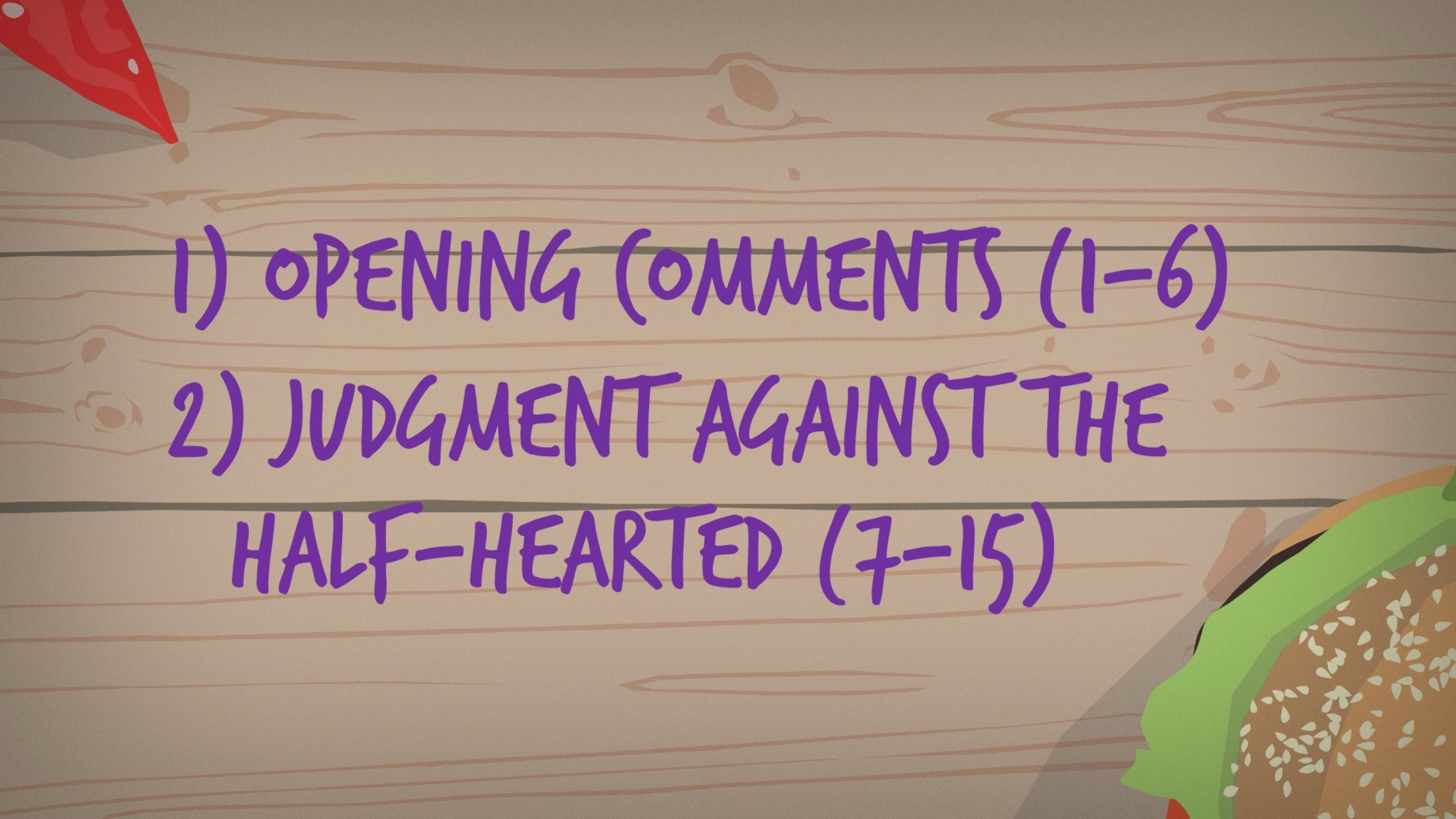
**Deuteronomy 31:28**



For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

**1 Peter 4:17**



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- 1) OPENING (OMMENTS (1-6)
  - 2) JUDGMENT AGAINST THE  
HALF-HEARTED (7-15)



<sup>7</sup>“Listen, my people, and I will speak;  
I will testify against you, Israel.  
I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices  
or for your burnt offerings,  
which are continually before me.

<sup>9</sup>I will not take a bull from your household  
or male goats from your pens,

<sup>10</sup>for every animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.



<sup>11</sup>I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the field are mine.

<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and everything in it is mine.

<sup>13</sup>Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to God,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup>Call on me in a day of trouble;  
I will rescue you, and you will honor me.”



Therefore, through him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

**Hebrews 13:15**





1) OPENING COMMENTS (1-6)

2) JUDGMENT AGAINST THE  
HALF-HEARTED (7-15)

3) JUDGMENT AGAINST THE  
HYPOCRITES (16-21)





<sup>16</sup>But God says to the wicked:

“What right do you have to recite my statutes  
and to take my covenant on your lips?

<sup>17</sup>You hate instruction  
and fling my words behind you.



**Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said:**

**This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me.**

**They worship me in vain,  
teaching as doctrines human commands.**

**Matthew 15:7-8**



<sup>18</sup>When you see a thief,  
you make friends with him,  
and you associate with adulterers.

<sup>19</sup>You unleash your mouth for evil  
and harness your tongue for deceit.

<sup>20</sup>You sit, maligning your brother,  
slandering your mother's son.



Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**Exodus 20:14-16**



<sup>21</sup>You have done these things, and I kept silent;  
you thought I was just like you.  
But I will rebuke you  
and lay out the case before you.



Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. As it is said:

**Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion**

**Heb. 3:12-15**



Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed. He will repay each one according to his works.

**Romans 2:4-6**



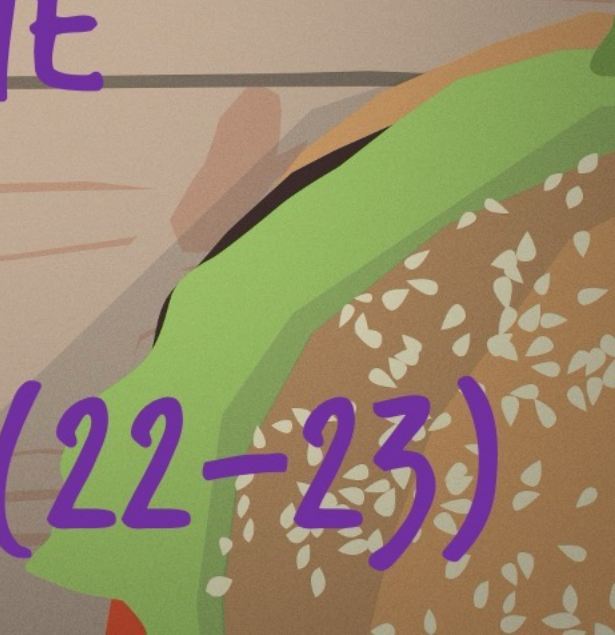


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4) CONCLUDING REMARKS (22-23)





<sup>22</sup>“Understand this, you who forget God,  
or I will tear you apart,  
and there will be no one to rescue you.

<sup>23</sup>Whoever offers a thanksgiving sacrifice  
honors me,  
and whoever orders his conduct,  
I will show him the salvation of God.”



A stylized illustration of a beach scene. In the background, there's a palm tree and a beach umbrella. In the foreground, there's a beach ball. The text is overlaid on the scene.

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