

Psalm 082 - Asking God for Justice

Psalm 82

[A Psalm of Asaph.]

God Judges the Judges

- 1 God takes His position in His assembly; He judges in the midst of the gods.
- 1 God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.
- 1 God takes his stand in the divine assembly; among the divine beings he renders judgment:
- 1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

- 2 How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*
- 2 How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? *Selah.*
- 2 "How long will you judge partially by showing favor on the wicked?
- 2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? *Selah.*

- 3 Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
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- 3 "Defend the poor and the fatherless. Vindicate the afflicted and the poor.
- 3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

- 4 Rescue the weak and needy; Save *them* from the hand of the wicked.
- 4 Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- 4 Rescue the poor and the needy, delivering them from the power of the wicked.
- 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

- 5 They do not know nor do they understand; They walk around in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 5 They do not know nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 5 They neither know nor understand; they walk about in the dark while all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

- 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.

6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.
6 "Indeed I said, 'You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High.
6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

7 "Nevertheless you will die like men, And fall like one of the princes."
7 "Nevertheless you will die like men And fall like *any* one of the princes."
7 However, as all human beings do, you will die, and like other rulers, you will fall.'
7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, God, judge the earth! For You possess all the nations.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.
8 Arise, God, to judge the earth, for all nations belong to you.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.