



Psalms 82

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THE JUDGES ARE JUDGED

Introduction:

I. THE SUMMONS OF GOD (vs. 1-5)

A. The Presiding Judge (vs. 1) - Isaiah 33:22

“God takes His stand in His own congregation.”

“He judges in the midst of the rulers (Heb. *elohim*).”

Exodus 22:8

B. The Opening Statement of the Plaintiff (vs. 2)

“How long will you judge unjustly?”

“And show partiality to the wicked? Selah.”

Romans 13:3-4

C. The Instructions to the Defendants (vs. 3-4)

“vindicate the weak and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute”

“rescue the weak and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked”

B. The Formal Indictment (vs. 5)

“they do not know nor do they understand”

“they walk about in darkness”

“all the foundations of the earth are shaken”

Isaiah 59:9-10

II. THE SENTENCE OF GOD (vs. 6-8)

A. Their Accountability (vs. 6)

“I said, ‘You are gods.’ ”

“and all of you are sons of the Most High” - II Samuel 7:14

John 10:33

B. Their Culpability (vs. 7)

“nevertheless you will die like men and fall like any one of the princes”

C. The Final Appeal (vs. 8)

“Arise, O God, judge the earth!”

Psalm 119:126

“for it is You who possesses all the nations”

Matthew 6:10

Conclusion:

- 1) Justice in any society can be measured by the standards and delivery system of justice at the lowest level of the social hierarchy.
- 2) Our appeal is to the righteous Judge over all the earth to bring injustice to an end and to establish righteousness.
- 3) While we cry out for God’s immediate action, we understand that God will ultimately establish His justice over all the earth only under the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ.