

PSALM 82 - A Plea for Justice!

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The Battle Belongs to the Lord – Marantha Music (3:24)

*In heavenly armor we'll enter the land The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord*

*Refrain: We sing glory and honor Power and strength to the Lord.
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*When the power of darkness comes in like a flood The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain)
To the Lord!*

*When your enemy presses in hard do not fear The battle belongs to the Lord
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain 2X)*

Psalm 82 – Speaks of God's future of unjust judges. He has a special judgment that He is going to mete out on unjust judges.

- A psalm that is used by the Mormons to prove that they are going to be gods having their own planets and running their own show one day. Scriptures that are used by some of the modern day television evangelists prove that you can write your own ticket, that you could be sovereign, that you could have whatever you want because after all, you're a god.
- The new age movement is coming all around us. Everybody is telling you that you are god. I'm telling you that you are not god and I'm not god and you better be thankful. I would have done you in a long time ago.
- Abraham said, (**Gen 18:25**) *Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*"

PSALM 82 – A Psalm of Asaph. Rescue the Weak and Needy

Psa 82:1 *A God stands in the congregation of the mighty (El); He judges among the gods.*

- In Exodus chapter twenty-one and in chapter twenty-two, the judges were called the elohim or the gods because judges were to be gods representatives. They were to see that God's law was followed. They were the instruments of God to keep the order and the law of God among the people. In Israel, problems arose because the judges were perverting judgement. They were accepting bribes; they were influenced by people of wealth and prominence. Many times a poor person would have tremendous difficulty getting a right judgement, especially against the rich. So there was a perverting of justice. Whenever that kind of perversion of justice develops, you have a breakdown of the whole social order.
- God is interested in justice for all, equal justice for all. God often took up the cause of the poor and the oppressed. God declared that one of the reasons why his judgement came upon the Nation of Israel was the failure of the judicial system. It had become corrupted and righteousness was not forthcoming. God is interested in righteousness and God has established laws, and even the court systems, in order that righteousness might prevail.
- God was upset because righteousness was not prevailing. Of course the courts have been established to determine the causes and to issue righteous judgement. Paul said that we should be able, within the church, to settle those disputes that pertain to the church and those within the church. It's a shame that a person would not submit as a brother in Christ to the judgement

within the church but if they will not, then the courts are there in order to make certain that justice prevails. God help those who go before the judges of our courts.

- We are told that one day God is going to judge among the judges, the elohim, the gods. Because a judge is God's representative and because a judge, in a sense, has the powers of control over a person's destiny he has a position of a god in that person's life. Your god is that controlling passion of your life. Every one of us are guided, directed or motivated by some ideal or ambition or master passion. There is something that gets us out of bed in the morning, to go and face another day at work, keeps us going, and we measure our decisions by these governing principles or ideals or ambitions of our lives. These are your gods, those things that govern and control your life.
- It's a wonderful thing when a person yields his life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and he measures all of his activities by the will of the Lord. Whether or not I would do a certain thing is dependent upon what the Lord would think or desire for me to do. I've turned that position of authority in my life. Everything is measured by the Lord and His will, His word; thus Jesus Christ is my God. As Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." Everybody has a god.

God speaks – Vs. 2-7

Psa 82:2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah

- In contrast God is just! (**Deu 10:17-18**) *For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. [18] He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.*
- (**Act 10:34b**) *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.*
- (**Rom 2:11**) For there is no partiality with God.
- (**Gal 2:6**) But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.
- (**Eph 6:9**) *And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.*

Psa 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

- Now God is speaking to the judges in the next few verses.
- How long will you allow injustice to prevail because you are impressed by the wealth or by the power of the wicked?

Psa 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

- The Lord declares concerning the judges again.
- Imagine if this were the rule in our country!

Psa 82:5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable (tottering, shaking).

- What happens when the judicial system fails is that comes a breakdown of the whole order within a society and anarchy begins to prevail. The whole country is shaken. There is no safety anywhere. Justice is with a gun and the stronger forces rule. The foundations are destroyed.

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

(Joh 10:34) Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I SAID, "YOU ARE GODS"?"

Psa 82:7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

- *I said, You are gods* - We have pointed out in Exodus twenty-one six and in twenty-two eight and nine that the judges are called the elohim, the gods. So it's a reference to Exodus.
- *All of you are children of the most High. But you shall die like men.* The judges often think themselves above as little gods. The Lord said, "You're going to die like men." You are not a god. You are just a man.
- *And fall like one of the princes.* The Bible says, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgement."
- This psalm is often quoted as a proof text that man is god or can become god. When Jesus was dealing with the judges of his day in John chapter ten, it describes the Pharisees the priests. They said, "How long you keep us in doubt. If you are the Messiah just tell us plainly." Jesus said, "I told you already, you didn't believe Me. I've done the works that were prophesied of the Messiah".
- When John the Baptist was in prison he felt that Jesus perhaps wasn't moving fast enough in overthrowing the Roman yoke. He sent his disciples to Jesus with a question, "Are you the Messiah or shall we look for someone else?" and in the same hour they brought to Jesus many that were sick, those that were blind, those that were lame and he performed many miracles. Then he said to John disciples, "Go back to John and tell him the things that you have seen and tell him that to the meek the gospel is being preached." He didn't answer directly of I am the Messiah you don't have to look any further but he did those works that were prophesied of the Messiah.
- In doing the works he allowed the works to be the witness themselves. He said, "I've done the works but you still didn't believe." Then he began to talk about his Father he said, "I and the Father am one" and they took up stones and were ready to stone him to death. He said, "I've done a lot of wonderful works for which of the works are stoning me?" and they said, "Not because of the works but because you being a man are declaring yourself to be God. Then Jesus threw them a curve he said, "Is it not written in your law I have said You are gods? Then why are you going to stone me because I said I'm the Son of God?"
- In the law, Exodus, the judges were indeed called gods. He was talking to the judges then. Most of the times people will refer you from the gospel of John to this psalm. Jesus said it's in the law, not in the psalm and so he went back to Exodus where the judges were called gods. This psalm goes back to Exodus. That is where God called the judges gods. Yet people use that as a proof text that they are gods or are going to be gods.
- There is only one true and living God. There are many false gods; there are many pretenders to be gods. The Gurus in god have experienced the Avatar claiming to be gods, worshiped by the people, receiving the worship and the funds from the people.

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

- The final prayer of the psalmist is that God Himself will take direct control of this world's affairs.
- It is a plea for that day to come when the Lord, the righteous judge will judge over all the earth.
- There is no appeal is His courtroom!
- There is one who is "King by right divine," and He is even now on His way. The last days shall see Him enthroned, and all unrighteous potentates broken like potter's vessels by His potent scepter. His Second Coming is still earth's brightest hope. Come quickly, even so, come, Lord Jesus!

God shows no partiality! He is just!

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JESUS IS COMING SOON! EVEN SO COME - Hillsong (3:51/2:04)

All of creation All of the earth Make straight a highway A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon Call back the sinner Wake up the saint Let every nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come

So we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon

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Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing

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Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come.

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