

**Psalm 82**                      A Psalm of A-saph  
King James Version (KJV)

**82** God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. (God stands with authority)

<sup>2</sup>How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. (Talking to the human judges who are corrupt)

<sup>3</sup>Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. (Defend= Judge)

<sup>4</sup>Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. (A true judge would especially defend the rights of those who need help the most)

<sup>5</sup>They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. (Talking about the earthly judges) (Judge morally, not by precedent)

<sup>6</sup>I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (Ye are gods-> You belong to God) (HE made you a judge, to judge morally)

<sup>7</sup>But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. (As a flesh man, you also will die like all others.) (Your corruption will end you spiritually)

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. (God is totally fair. The only truly qualified to judge)