

Psalm 82:1-8 **Elohiym showing partiality toward the Wicked - How Long?**

A Plea for Justice

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Elohiym (God) stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the 'elohiym (gods).*

²How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked?

Selah

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

⁴Deliver the poor and needy; Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

⁶I said, "You *are* 'elohiym (gods), And all of you *are* children of the Most High.

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

⁸Arise, O Elohiym (God), judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

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Facts Revealed:

✧ Elohiym (God) stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the 'elohiym (gods).*

How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? [Psalm 82:1-2]

✧ Elohiym is the supreme judge over both man and gods. [Exodus 12:12]

✧ As Asaph observed the prosperity of the wicked, He asked, "how long will You show partiality in judging the wicked?"

✧ Yet he recognized that there is no partiality with Elohiym and that Elohiym has forbidden showing partiality in judgment. [Exodus 23:1-3, Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 1:16-17, 10:17, 16:18-19, 2 Chronicles 19:4-7]

✧ This concept is continued in the New Testament. [Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, Colossians 3:25, 1 Peter 1:17]

✧ Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy; Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.

They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. [Psalm 82:3-5]

✧ Asaph called on Elohiym to do justice and defend the poor and needy from the oppressive hand of the wicked.

✧ They walk about in darkness neither knowing nor understanding the truth.

✧ Even the foundations of the earth are unstable.

✧ As He was crucified, Jesus prayed for the wicked because they did not know what they were doing. [Luke 23:34]

✧ I said, "You *are* 'elohiym (gods), And all of you *are* children of the Most High. But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

Arise, O Elohiym (God), judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations. [Psalm 82:6-8]

- ✧ Jesus quoted this text when the Jews attempted to stone Him for blasphemy when Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. [\[John 10:22-39\]](#)
- ✧ The works that Jesus did could only be done by God so Jesus said to judge the truth by the evidence. The truth is not hidden for anyone willing to honestly weigh the evidence.
- ✧ The problem then as today is not their inability to believe but in their unwillingness to consider it even for their own salvation.
- ✧ Since it is a matter of believing choice, He reminded them that they will die like men though God has sought to make them children of the Most High through faith.
- ✧ Asaph concluded the concept by calling on Elohiym to arise and judge the earth, acknowledging that Elohiym will inherit all nations for His Kingdom.