

Psalm 82 A Psalm of Asaph

¹ God has had enough. He has taken His stand among His people ready to judge corrupt leaders. ² He asks these rulers and judges,

“How long will you hand down unjust judgments by declaring innocent people guilty and wicked men innocent?”

Now, you who are in authority, stop what you are doing, and ponder the depth of what the LORD just said.

³ Here is what you should do instead:

1) when you find those who are orphans or have no means of defending themselves, clear them of all blame or suspicion,

2) give a just decision to those who are suffering severe hurts, heartaches, or losses, or those who are financially destitute,

3) rescue those who are not strong enough to stand up for themselves and need your help,

4) ⁴ rescue all of these out of the hand of wicked men who want to take unfair advantage in the courts.

⁵ Don't you rulers and judges have a clue as to what is right and wrong? Are your morals that corrupt? It seems like the world has been turned upside down when right is called wrong and wrong is called right. ⁶ You guys act like you are gods over the people, ⁷ but you will die and go to the grave like every other ruler or judge in the past.

⁸ LORD, arise and judge the world for its wickedness. Cleanse it of wicked rulers and unjust judges. After all, the world and everything in and on it belongs to You. So, please rid it of all injustices in the courts.