
PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19
“God’s Justice Toward the Weak and the Needy”

Psalm 82
May 2, 2019

Scripture Introduction:

- I. **The Courtroom** (Ps. 82:1, 3-4)
 - a. **The Principal Characters:**
 - i. **God as Judge**
 - ii. **The “gods”** (Ex. 21:6; 22:8; John 10:34-35)
 - b. **Justice is something we must do** (vv.3-4; Psalm 140:12; Micah 6:8)
 - c. **Justice reflects God’s Character** (Deut. 10:17-18; Psalm 146:7-9; Isa. 30:18-19; 61:8-9)
 - d. **We are called to reflect God’s Character** (Deut. 4:6-8; 10:19; Isa 1:17)
- II. **The Ruling** (Ps 82:2, 5-7)
 - a. **The Verdict** (v.2; Prov. 11:1; Prov. 29:7; Amos 5:18-24; James 2:8-9)
 - b. **The Root Problem** (v.5a)
 - c. **The Consequence** (v.5c)
 - d. **The Judgment** (vv.6-7; Deut. 14:1; Matt. 25:35-40)
- III. **The Promise** (Ps. 82:8; Matt. 6:10)
 - a. **Hope that justice will reign** (Amos 5:24; Isa. 51:4-5; Rev. 21)
 - b. **Reminded of the Gospel promise** (Rom. 5:8)
 - c. **Empowerment for the sons of the Most High** (Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:8)

Discussion Questions

1. What difference does it make for God to be the ultimate judge? What does God do as judge?
2. What does God’s judgment in this passage teach you about God’s character?
3. Looking around our society, would each line of God’s judgment be accurate today?
4. Verse 8 is a prayer for the person concerned with justice for those being oppressed. What justice concerns within your own attention do you need to lift to God today?

Going Deeper

1. Who in your life has God given you the privilege to lead and influence? Have you shown them compassion and mercy?
2. God intends to use His Church to accomplish His purposes in the world. How might God use you to bring about justice in your community?