



THE DEFENDER OF JUSTICE

GOD, THE DIVINE WARRIOR



Psalm 18 is headed with the following superscription: “Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. Then he said:...”

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| V. 1-3 | David begins by praising God, his “rock,” “castle,” “deliverer,” “fortress,” “shield,” “strength of my salvation,” “high refuge.” |
| v. 4-5 | Describe your distressing situation |
| v. 6-8 | The divine Warrior is in his castle (his Temple); He is moved with righteous anger on behalf of his servant after hearing his prayer. The divine Warrior reacts with fury in defense of his servant |
| v. 9-12 | The description of the divine Warrior, who rides in a magnificent display of power, is impressive. This image creates confidence in the heart of the Warrior's servant. Our God is not weak |
| v. 13-15 | In these verses, we read about an assault mounted by a Warrior, along with his fearsome ammunition: hailstones, fire, arrows, and lightning. This figure of the Warrior, with his figuratively meteorological and military arsenal, connotes a powerful Soldier, who, angered by injustice and oppression, fights bravely and justly for his loyal servant. |
| v. 16-19 | Here we read about the liberation of the servant; the Warrior rescues him, emancipates him and sustains him |
| v. 20-28 | David has always trusted the Warrior, and he rewards his fidelity and the fidelity of everyone who, in need, trusts in Him. |
| v. 29-45 | The Warrior has not acted alone, he has strengthened his servant to fight and obtain victory over his enemies |
| v. 46-50 | Just as he began, David concludes by praising God for the great triumphs and mercy he has shown toward his anointed. |

DIVINE JUSTICE

What does God do with those who think of the poor (Psalm 41:1-3)?

He delivers it on the evil day

He saves him

He will give him life

He will blessed him

He will not hand him over to his enemies

He will sustain him in pain

He will make his bed soft in illness



Sick for his sin,
David is despised
and mocked even by
his close friends
(Psalm 41:4-9)

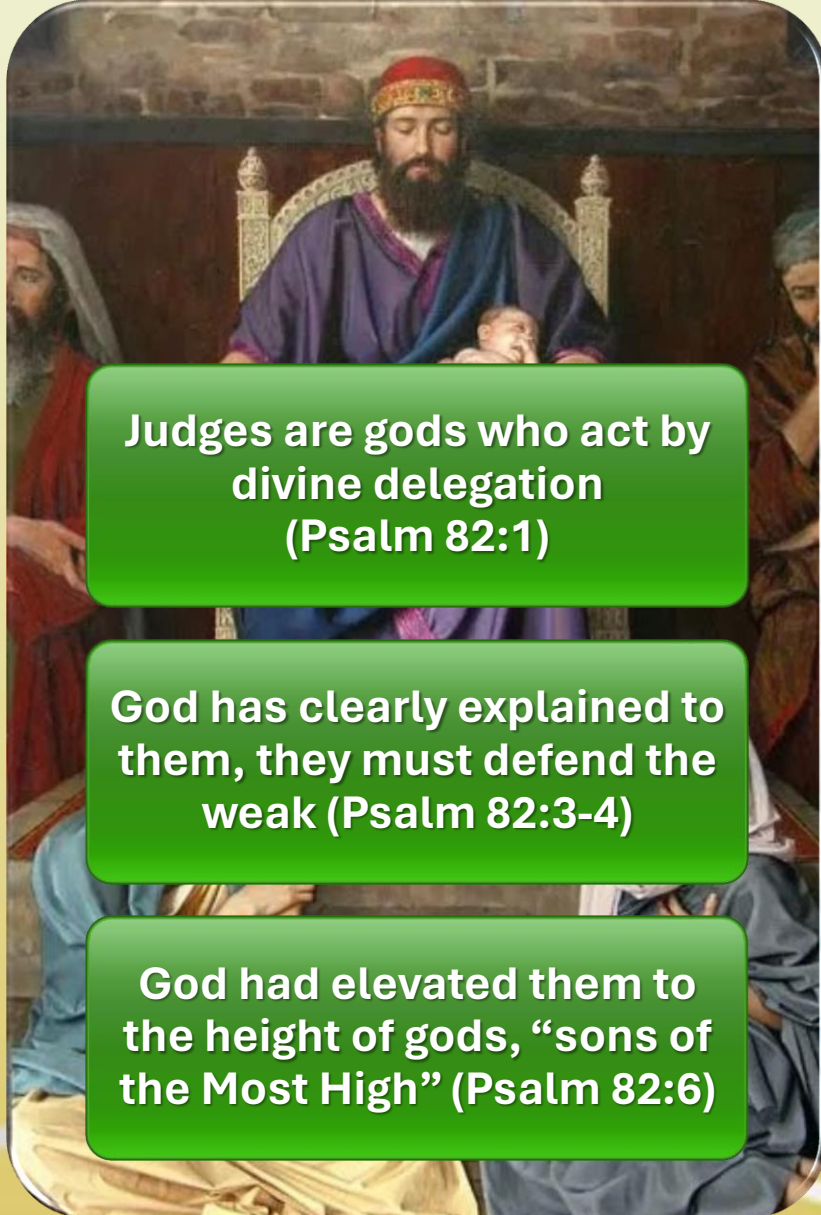


But God is a merciful
judge. Forgives him
and vindicates him
before his enemies
(Psalm 41:10-12)



"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen." (Psalm 41:13)

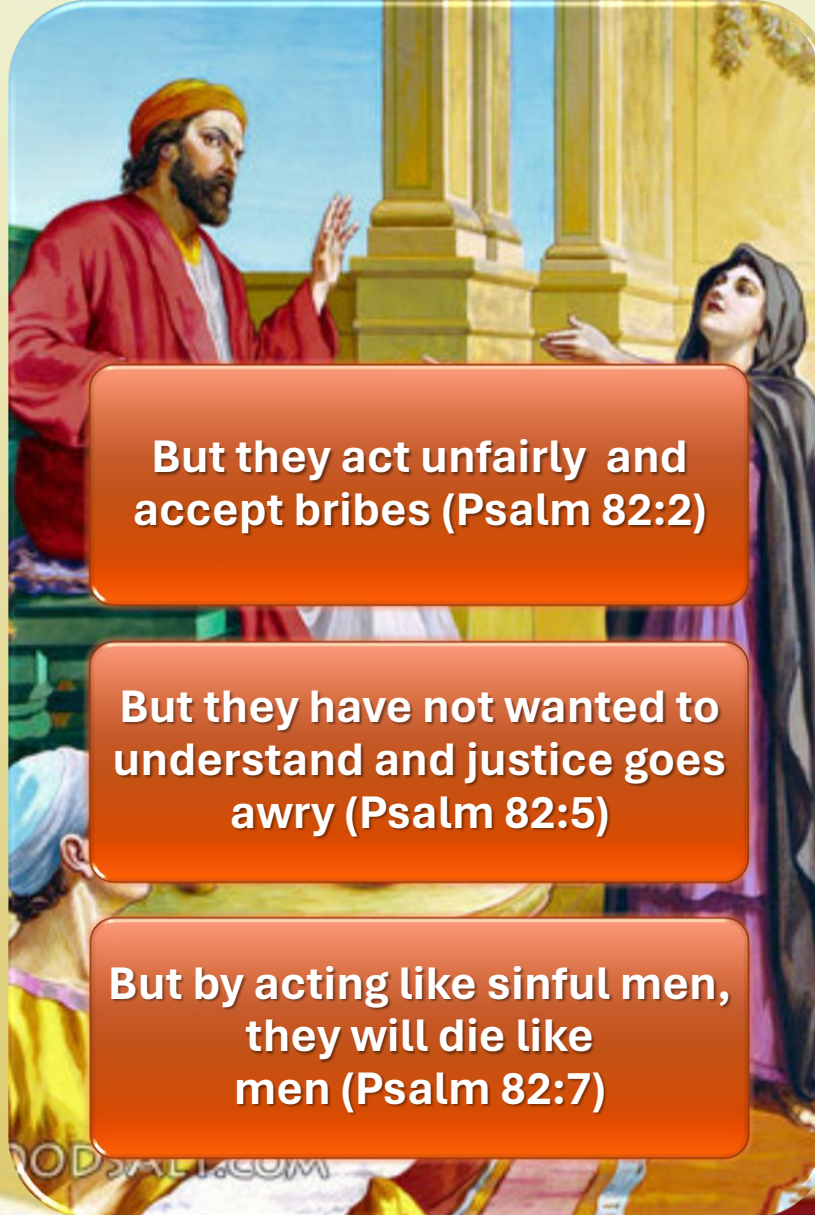
REPRECY THE LEADERS



Judges are gods who act by
divine delegation
(Psalm 82:1)

God has clearly explained to
them, they must defend the
weak (Psalm 82:3-4)

God had elevated them to
the height of gods, “sons of
the Most High” (Psalm 82:6)



But they act unfairly and
accept bribes (Psalm 82:2)

But they have not wanted to
understand and justice goes
awry (Psalm 82:5)

But by acting like sinful men,
they will die like
men (Psalm 82:7)

“Rise up,
O God, judge
the earth,
for all the
nations are
your
inheritance.”
(Psalm 82:8)

THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

Psalms invites us to consider the plight of the oppressed in the context of the Last Judgment in the heavenly Sanctuary

“Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.” Psalm 96:6-10

“The Lord reigns Jehovah reigns; let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name He is holy. The King is mighty, he loves justice you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.” (Psalm 99:1-4)

“We will go into his tabernacles: We will worship at his footstool. Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; Thou, and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; And let thy saints shout for joy” (Psalm 132:7-9)

“For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying, “This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it. I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy. “Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one. I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown” (Psalm 132:13-18)