

The Fear of God
Part 15
Psalms 82 - Exercise Justice

“1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. 2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. 5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.” (Psalm 82:1-8 KJV)

God is the judge over all the earth. And He delegated that ministry of exercising justice to His church, the saints who fear Him and live in obedience to His Word and commands.

1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; The church is the institute of God on earth and is the house of justice and place of exercising judgment. The church uses the Word of God in evaluating situations and dealing with various sins. Jesus is the head of the church and everyone in the Church of God is under the Word of God. God, The Holy Spirit, stand and is present in His church.

he judgeth among the gods: What He means here with the statement, *among the gods*, that does not mean there is another god or gods, but he means that with God in exercising and executing judgment is His saints, the priests, who are ordained by God to lead His church. The church should realize and accept that is placed on earth to be the mouth piece of God and an instruments of exercising justice and implementing God’s will plan and purpose.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? What is going on is that the church had failed God in the matter of executing just judgment. The church and the saints of God, the priests who lead His church, had failed God by judging unjustly. They will accept the wicked by condoning, covering and approving his sins. They are doing the opposite. The wicked because they have power and influence, the leaders of the church instead of condemning the wicked who do wrong, they will maintain him because he is powerful. The church leaders who do not want to suffer in facing the wicked they will compromise and keep things go wrong in order that their privileges will not be affected. The wicked who has influence will fight back when his sin is confronted by the church leaders. Therefore the church leaders who compromise they do that because they don’t fear God and they don’t trust Him that He can provide all their needs. God is here asking His church, *“How long will ye judge unjustly,”* God is sad and grieving that His church is corrupted and became unfaithful to Him.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked: God wants His church to deliver weak people from the hand of the wicked and the power of darkness that is pushing the weak to fall in sin and do wicked things. The wicked people are under the power of Satan, and when the church chose to face sin and wickedness, then devil and the power of darkness will start to aggressively fight back. The church should continue to do right and what is in line with God’s will, trusting the Lord that He will fight for His church and protect His people as he promised,

“18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18 KJV) There are people they cannot fight and get delivered from the oppression of the evil one. The church should help such categories and fight on their behalf to get delivered out from the devil power, *“8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8-9)* Job obeyed God’s instruction in this regard in doing his ministry as you can read here: *“12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. 15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. 16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.” (Job 29:12-17)* Therefore, go forward and do God’s instruction, *“rid them out of the hand of the wicked.”*

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course: Instead of satisfying the interest of God, the saints behave as if they are ignorant of what God’s want them to do. They chose to compromise and protect the wicked, therefore they chose the dark way of life, and cause others to err, and it became as if wickedness is the correct theme. As the result, all the foundations and the principles of godly life became out of the course and out of the right way of life. The church today with all the compromises that keeps and practice is not only a bad example but a wrong example to follow. The church leaders should direct the people heavenward and not hell ward. If the true picture that God is ordained disturbed by the wrong example of the church and their leaders then God’s name will be blaspheme among the gentiles, *“17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, 18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; 19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, 20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. 21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? 24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.” (Romans 2:17-24 KJV)*

6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High: God had bestow on His people the title of the children of God. Therefore His saints, the priests, those who lead His church and His people are required to apply and exercise justice and to deal with sin and wickedness in a proper way because that is their responsibility and ministry before God. They are appointed as judges by God to work on His behalf in His church to declare and exercise His will to the people. This is a privilege given to His children to be honored to the position of judges in their service to God.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes: When the church leaders fail God in exercising justice and implementing the rules and the discipline of God, then the Lord will reject such leaders and they will be no more to be considered God’s children, but they will be

as other common people who do not believe in God or commit their lives to serve Him. They will not make it to heaven but will go to hell with others who has no regard toward God.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations: When those who lead the church fail God, then the Lord Himself will judge and discipline His people and will impart His judgment on them using the non believers. When the church is wayward and behave like those who have no law and no God, then the Lord will use the non believer to punish and bring His judgment upon His church. God used the Babylonian to destroy His temple in Jerusalem 587 BC when the priests already were in idol worship. And again God destroyed the rebuilt temple 70 AC by the hand of the Romans as a consequence of the Jewish rejected to Christ. God will use cruel judgment against His church to discipline the church leaders and to disqualify their ministry in front of the heathen to make the heathen understand that our God is the Lord who do not condone or cover-up sin.

My dear and beloved: There is no another way for you to escape from doing your responsibility before God. The church is forced by God to exercise justice and implement judgment. God will ultimately deal with all the compromises of His church and His people because He is a God of justice who abide with His word. Therefore repent of all your compromises and commit yourself to God to serve Him in accordance to His decrees and stipulations as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that teaching me new things. Lord I repent of the following sins _____. I commit myself to stand firm, to fear you and not to fear man and to implement your will in my life and in the life of my family and the people who are under my spiritual care. Lord sustain me, protect me and provide for me to achieve that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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