

# Scripture

## Psalm 82 (NLT)

**A psalm of Asaph.**

- 1** God presides over heaven's court;  
he pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings:
- 2** “How long will you hand down unjust  
Decisions by favoring the wicked?”
- 3** “Give justice to the poor and the orphan;  
uphold the rights of the oppressed and  
the destitute.

- 4 Rescue the poor and helpless;  
deliver them from the grasp of evil people.
- 5 But these oppressors know nothing;  
they are so ignorant!  
They wander about in darkness,  
while the whole world is shaken to the core.
- 6 I say, 'You are gods;  
you are all children of the Most High.
- 7 But you will die like mere mortals  
and fall like every other ruler.'"
- 8 Rise up, O God, and judge the earth,  
for all the nations belong to you.