



SUMMER TESTIMONY SERIES IN THE PSALMS

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PSALM 82:1 (ESV)

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:



1 Kings 22 (ESV)

¹⁹ And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left; ²⁰ and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. ²¹ Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’



Revelation 5:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice
of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands,



Testimony from a former Muslim

[God] reached me through investigations, dreams, and visions, and called me to prayer in my suffering. It was there that I found Jesus. To follow him is worth giving up everything.

Nabeel Qureshi, "Christ Called Me Off the Minaret," ChristianityToday.com, January 8, 2014,
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/january-february/christ-called-me-off-minaret.html>.



There is no other

I am the LORD your God; there is no other. Joel 2:27 (NET)

...he has no peer; there is no other God! Isaiah 45:17 (NET)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

You must love the LORD your God with your whole mind, your whole being, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4,5 (NET)



PSALM 82 Judgment on the “gods”

- ² “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*
- ³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
- ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
- ⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ I said, “You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
- ⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince.”



The gods of Psalm 82

...namely that “gods” refers to an assembly of divine beings ruled over by God, who is supreme creator and sovereign. These divine beings were appointed by God to be responsible for the just rule of the nations, as in Deuteronomy 32:8, “When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the gods.”

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PSALM 82:8 Cry of justice

Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for you shall inherit all the
nations!

