

Supreme Court Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage

Supreme Court Ruling on Same Sex Marriage Perhaps It Is Not Too Late for America to Turn Back to God

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I. God judges the judges

Psa 82:1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Psa 82:2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

Psa 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Psa 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

Psa 82:5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psa 82:6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

Psa 82:7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

A. The word “gods” in Psalm 82

Psa 82:1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Psa 82:6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

B. “Gods” is translated from the Hebrew word “*elohim*”

Strong's—the supreme *God*; occasionally applied by way of deference to *magistrates*

Brown-Driver-Briggs—rulers, judges

C3. “*Elohim*” is translated “judges or judge” in other verses

Exo 21:6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges (*elohim*); he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

Exo 22:8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges (*elohim*), *to see* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

Exo 22:9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges (*elohim*); *and* whom the judges (*elohim*) shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

1Sa 2:25 If one man sin against another, the judge (*elohim*) shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

4. Jesus' reference to Psalm 82:6

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

5. Cambridge Bible Commentary: (From chapter comments on Psalm 82)

“This Psalm is a vision of judgement. It sets forth, in a highly poetical and imaginative form, the responsibility of earthly judges to the Supreme Judge, Whose representatives they are, and from Whom they derive their authority.”

“God takes His stand as Judge in a solemn assembly: His delegates appear before His tribunal ([Psa 82:1](#)).

Sternly He upbraids them for their injustice and partiality, and bids them remember what the duties of their office are ([Psa 82:2-4](#)).

But they are incapable of reformation, and the foundations of society are being shaken by their misconduct. Though they bear the lofty title of gods, they shall share the common fate of men ([Psa 82:5-7](#)).

The Psalmist concludes with a prayer that God will Himself assume the government of the world ([Psa 82:8](#)).”

6. Albert Barnes Notes on the Bible: (From chapter comments on Psalm 82)

I. A reference to God as the Supreme Ruler; the Ruler of those that rule; the God to whom all magistrates, however exalted in rank, are responsible, [Psa 82:1](#).

- II. A reference to the character of the magistrates at the time when the psalm was written, as those who judged unjustly; who were partial in the administration of justice; and who favored people of rank and position, [Psa 82:2](#).
- III. A statement of the duties of magistrates, in reference particularly to the poor, the fatherless, the needy, and the afflicted, [Psa 82:3-4](#).
- IV. A further statement in regard to the character of the magistrates at the time when the psalm was written, particularly as ignorant, and as walking in darkness, [Psa 82:5](#).
- V. A solemn appeal to them as mortal people - as subject to death like others - though they had a rank which entitled them to the appellation of "gods," and were the representatives of the Most High on earth, [Psa 82:6-7](#).
- VI. A call on God to arise and to execute judgment in the earth, for he was the Supreme Ruler, and the nations, with all their interests, pertained to him, [Psa 82:8](#).

II. Admonishments to right judgment

[Isa 5:20](#) Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

[Isa 5:21](#) Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

[Isa 5:22](#) Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

[Isa 5:23](#) Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

[Pro 17:15](#) He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

[Pro 24:24](#) He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

[Pro 24:25](#) But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

[Mal 2:17](#) Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

III. God's judgment of false teachers

[2Pe 2:1](#) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

[2Pe 2:2](#) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

[2Pe 2:3](#) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

[2Pe 2:4](#) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

[2Pe 2:5](#) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

[2Pe 2:6](#) And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

[2Pe 2:7](#) And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

[2Pe 2:8](#) (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

[2Pe 2:9](#) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

IV. God's word on right and wrong

[Rom 1:26](#) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

[Rom 1:27](#) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

[Rom 1:28](#) And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

[Lev 18:22](#) Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

[Lev 18:23](#) Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

[Lev 18:24](#) Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

[Lev 18:25](#) And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

[Lev 18:26](#) Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

[Lev 18:27](#) (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before you, and the land is defiled;)

[Lev 18:28](#) That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.

[Jud 1:7](#) Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Deu 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

V. God's word on civil government

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Rom 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Rom 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Rom 13:5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Rom 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

VI. God's judgment on failed governments

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isa 5:21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Isa 5:24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 5:25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

Isa 5:26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

Isa 5:27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

Isa 5:28 Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

Isa 5:29 Their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.

Isa 5:30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

VII. Perhaps it is not too late for America to turn back to God

Gen 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Gen 18:32 ...Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.