

## Questions on Ps 82

1. Who is speaking in each verse of the Psalm?
2. What is the relation of v. 2 to v. 1?
3. If the *selah* marks the major division, how do vv. 1-2 function in relation to the rest of the Psalm?
4. What is the “congregation of the mighty”?
  - a) What is a better translation for “mighty” (see Strong's number)?
  - b) This phrase appears only here in the OT, but the phrase “congregation of Jehovah” (KJV “congregation of the Lord”) appears several times. To what does it refer?
  - c) How can the answer to the previous question help you answer the main question?
5. Who are the “gods” of vv. 1, 6?
  - a) How does our Lord describe this group in John 10:35?
  - b) In v. 6, God claims to have used this title of these individuals previously. Examine the Strong's numbers in Ex 21:6; 22:8, 9 to see how “gods” is translated in those verses.
  - c) How do vv. 2-4 support this translation?
  - d) Why would God describe human judges as “gods”? What does this tell us about the nature and responsibility of magistrates? What NT passage comments on and expands this insight?
6. What is the logical progression among vv. 3-7? Compare the progression in Ps 81:8-12.
7. How does v. 8 expand the claim of v. 1?