## **Reflection on Psalm 82**

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God is the Creator,
      the Sovereign Lord,
      the great Judge of all the earth.
He is a just God,
      a compassionate God.
And He holds our leaders responsible for
bringing justice, even to
      the poorest and weakest,
      the most needy,
      the most vulnerable and
      least powerful among us.
In His time, He will hold leaders accountable.
But know that He holds all of us accountable.
Each of us
      bears His image and
      breathes His life.
He loves each and every human being,
      great and small,
with a burning, unquenchable love.
Each is precious to Him.
He has amply provided for
      each of us and
      all of us.
He expects each of us to live as a
generous, open-handed distributor of
      His goodness,
      His blessing,
      His love.
Each of us interacts daily
      in various ways
with needy people,
      some very near to us,
      some further away.
Some are hungry,
      but not all.
Some are poor,
      but not all.
Some need
      our help,
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our time,
our simple kindness, or
just a bit of respect.

Love is a debt we owe to
each and every person,
each and every day (Romans 13:8-10).
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What a debt!
But God never abandons us to
our own weakness.
He gives us His own loving Spirit
to live in us and
love through us.

Ask Him for His help. Then watch, listen, and obey.

Hymn: Psalm 82

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