

# Psalm 82

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I love courtroom dramas, always have. I sit on the edge of my seat as time ticks and the show draws to an end. With minutes remaining, the jury's foreman reads the verdict. Sometimes justice is served. Sometimes it is not. That's Hollywood.

There is another courtroom where God resides. He sits on His throne, filling the role of both judge and jury. His authority prevails as He rights all wrongs. With excellence, He sees that justice and mercy walk hand-in-hand. That's God.

**Read Deuteronomy 32:4.** Write in the space below. Circle the words and phrase that support God will rule justly.

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Life is not as Hollywood portrays; nor have we experienced the righting of all wrongs. We live in a world filled with injustices. The Reverend Billy Graham said it best in his prayer for America, "The poor have been exploited, laziness has been rewarded, the murder of unborn babies is called choice, the abuse of power is called politics, and the ridiculing of the time-honored values of our forefathers calling it enlightenment."

What is our role as we live as eyewitnesses among the chaos? If you are a leader, let God lead you so you will be a God-led leader. If you are not a leader, pray for all leaders to be God-led leaders.

## Being a God-led Leader

I remember when I was young; I admired leaders because they got to boss people around, then sit back and watch others do all the work. May I emphasize the word *young*? These lofty and naïve thoughts came before I was actually a leader.

There is power and authority associated with leadership, but there is also a tremendous amount of responsibility as well. Being a leader at any level is not a job for the weak-at-heart. To be the best God-led leader possible, we must follow the leadership design of the greatest leader who ever lived, Jesus.

**Read the following and fill in the blanks.**

Philippians 2:3

God-led leaders count others more \_\_\_\_\_ than they count themselves.

Read Matthew 28:20.

God-led leaders desire to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than be served.

Read John 6:38.

God-led leaders seek to follow God's \_\_\_\_\_, not their own agenda.

Read Romans 13:1.

God-led leaders recognize all authority come from \_\_\_\_\_.

Oh, how different the world would be if all leaders were God-led leaders. With God-led leaders, we would see the homeless receive shelter, the hungry fed, and the orphaned find families. Could we feel rays from the warmth of God's smile, if we only had more God-led leaders?

The sad reality fills our newsfeed on Yahoo and is spread across the front page of our newspapers. The homeless are homeless, the hungry are hungry, and the orphaned **are** still orphaned.

### **The Christian Response to Non-God-led Leaders**

**Read Romans 13:1.**

What is the Christian's Biblical response to all authority? Why?

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This is a difficult truth to obey when leaders, though God-appointed, make decisions which confirm they are not God-led. It is easy to become indifferent toward non-God-led leaders even becoming hostile and disrespectful. Scripture clearly mandates Christians to respect authority, and obedience pleases God.

**Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.**

What else pleases God? \_\_\_\_\_

We are accountable for submitting to and praying for our leaders. God will hold leaders accountable for their actions. (Hebrews 13:17) The accountability to God demonstrates the intense responsibility a leader accepts when saying yes to a position of leadership. Let's do our part and let God do His.

Lastly, our response to non-God-led leaders is to do what God commanded, even if they are not. The psalmist clearly indicated where the leaders had failed.

**Read Psalm 82:3-4.**

What were the God-appointed leaders to do?

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Scripture often repeats what Asaph states in Psalm 82. We can't blame all poverty, homelessness, and parentless children solely on non-God-led leaders. All Christians are responsible for following God's mandate in verses 3-4. Ask God how can you obey Him today?