

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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Ye Are Gods?

John 10:34-36

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It was winter at the Feast of Dedication. Jesus walked in Solomon's Portico. The leaders surrounded Him and demanded clarity. Jesus answered with Scripture and reached back to a psalm that shaped Israel's unseen worldview.

John 10:34-36

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? **35** If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— **36** do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? **ESV**

Psalm 82:1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment." **ESV**

Psalms 82:6

"I said, 'You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you.'" **Psalm 82:6** **ESV**

JESUS LAYS OUT HIS VIEW

He quotes Psalm 82 to remind the leaders that God presides over a real council in heaven; He allows these members of the Heavenly hosts to have input in His rule. If Scripture can call those officials gods (elohim), then calling the consecrated and sent Messiah the Son of God is certainly not blasphemous, but the highest honor.

In Hebrew, elohim can name God Most High or lesser spiritual beings in His council. Psalm 82 shows God judging elohim who ruled unjustly. Verb note: "He holds judgment" is imperfect, signaling ongoing oversight. God keeps reviewing their cases. The Pharisees did not deny the existence of these beings, so Jesus used this fact to point to His even greater identity.

Do you let Jesus shape your worldview from Scripture, or do you press Him into ideas that feel safer to your traditions?

Deuteronomy 32:8-9

When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage. **ESV**

HIS VIEW SPARKED HOSTILITY

The Pharisees accepted that there was a divine council, yet they resisted Jesus because He claimed unique sonship and did the Father's works. He was not another delegated ruler. He was the consecrated Son who shares the Father's name, authority, and mission, which threatened their power and control.

At Hanukkah Israel celebrated temple cleansing. In that season, Jesus stood in the temple and offered a greater cleansing. He would lay down His life and take it up again.

John 10:36

Do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ESV

Blasphemy cases were heard by the Sanhedrin, with stoning as the penalty. Leaders guarded honor and public order. Jesus healed on Sabbath and claimed oneness with the Father. Their status in the Roman system felt endangered, so they deliberately hardened their hearts.

Of the many board members in a major corporation, one announces, "I am the Founder's only Son and I have full authority," everything changes. The rest of the board must either receive him or remove him.

Conclusion

John 10 and Psalm 82 fit together. There is a real divine council. God has chosen heavenly beings to help administer His world. The Pharisees knew this, yet still opposed Jesus. He is not one among many. He is the consecrated and sent Son. Trust Scripture. Believe His works. Follow His voice.