

SCRIPTURE: TITLE:

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
2 "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I said, "You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
7 nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince."
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for you shall inherit all the nations!

CONCLUSION: "On Fairy Stories."

> **Secondary belief.** So good you want to believe it. You want it to be true.

> **Certain story that people crave:** Supernatural realm. Powerful beings. Cheating death. Aging. Outside of the restraint of Time. Eternal love. Good wins over evil. Triumph. Victory achieved in the face of inevitable defeat. Great suffering and sacrifice.

> **We are made in the Imago Dei.** Even people who don't believe in Truth, want it to be true. So they'll pay money to live in a world and watch a story that they want to be true. Because deep within them, they point to a life that is true. That we all crave.

The Gospel of Jesus is the true story we all crave.

- Escape from death. Love that conquers death. Escape from death. Heroic self-sacrifice. Good triumphing over evil. And when everything seems it's darkest, life comes out of death. Triumph out of defeat. And the promise that we will live forever, outside of time and interact with supernatural beings and that we will be powerful supernatural beings.
- The story of Jesus is not one more beautiful story, He's the underlying reality to which all of our favorite stories point.

Intro: Board Room Meeting. Peak into the divine council. God's spiritual board room. Conversation. Relationship. CEO. The Boss. Chair. Chief.

Thesis: "YHWH is the One True God, And He's the God of Justice."

I. Divine Council (1-4)

A. God's place in as the head. He's the boss.

ILLUSTRATION: Job 1:6-12; 2:1-8; 1 Kings 22:19-23.

B. He hold judgment. He holds all accountable.

C. **How long** will you favor the wicked? Judge unequally. **Have messed up scales? CORN.**

D. Give justice to the weak & fatherless.

E. Maintain rights of afflicted and destitute.

F. Rescue weak and needy. Deliver from wicked.

APPLICATION: 1. God is in charge. He watches and sees everything. He is keeping a record of evil and wickedness. And He will one day bring justice.

2. Injustice angers God too. More than us. Hates evil and wickedness. Mistreatment of vulnerable. B/c of his love, compassion and justice. Children being mutilated for the sake of gender ideological agendas. Kids being abused or neglected in homes. Children being sold into slavery. Children being murdered in the womb.

3. Other forms of injustice too. Human trafficking of women, unfair treatment of people economically, wrongful prison, slave labor, racial, religious genocide.

ILLUSTRATION: "Enough." "That's Enough."

II. God Over All Nations (5-8)

A. Gods, sons of the Most High. Imago Dei. We were meant to reflect his justice. Holiness.

Jesus is the perfect Imago Dei, restoring the Imago Dei in his people.

B. But we shall die. They shall die. **Jesus died like a man. So that men could live again.**

C. God will arise. Judge the earth. Bring recompense. **Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead. Pay back recompense for every evil and injustice.**

D. You shall inherit all the nations. **Jesus has purchased men from every nation with his blood. And they will march into heaven bringing Him tribute.**

APPLICATION: 1. Jesus is going to make everything right. As a part of his redemptive plan and making all things new, the church is meant to usher in his kingdom now. Take over and bring justice. Forgiveness. Cross.

2. We're actually going to rule with him. Rule the nations with Jesus. Judge men and angels.