

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness

The Son of God and the “little gods” of the Religious Leaders, John 10:27-42

John 10:22-24 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple area, in the portico of Solomon. The Jews then surrounded Him and began saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

John 10:25-26 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep.”

John 10:27-30 “My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

I. The Context of the Discourse

- A. The healing of the man born blind
- B. The Good Shepherd Who is One with God the Father
- C. The failure of the religious leaders

John 10:31-33 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus replied to them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” The Jews answered Him, “We are not stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.”

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Quotation from Psalm 82

Psalm 82:1-2 God takes His position in His assembly; He judges in the midst of the gods. How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Psalm 82:3-4 Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Save them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82:5-8 They do not know nor do they understand; They walk around in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High. Nevertheless, you will die like men, and fall like one of the princes." Arise, God, judge the earth! For You possess all the nations.

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E. The term "little gods" and the context of Psalm 82 is being displayed in the religious leaders of Jesus day by their rejection of the true Son of God

John 10:39-42 Therefore they were seeking again to arrest Him, and He eluded their grasp. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He stayed there. Many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true." And many believed in Him there.