

## **BIBLE READING: August 17, 2025**

### **Psalm 82**

God presides in the great assembly;  
he renders judgment among the “gods”:

“How long will you defend the unjust  
and show partiality to the wicked?  
Defend the weak and the fatherless;  
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.  
Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

“The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing.  
They walk about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

“I said, ‘You are “gods”;  
you are all sons of the Most High.’  
But you will die like mere mortals;  
you will fall like every other ruler.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
for all the nations are your inheritance.

### **Luke 12:49-56**

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.

From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does.

And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is.

Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?