Psalms 82-85 (Week 28)

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1 God Judges Among the Gods

- God stands in the congregation of the mighty. He judges among the gods.
- Defend the poor and fatherless, do justice to the afflicted and needy, deliver the poor and needy, free them from the hand of the wicked.
- The clause means that God's power and right to govern is above that of all other rulers.
- David was speaking for God and to the rulers among the Israelites.
- They were accused of rendering unjust decisions and of being swayed by the personal influence of wicked men.

2 Do Not Keep Silent, O God

- Do not keep silent, O God, do not hold your peace, and do not be still, O God.
- They have said, Come and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.
- Psalm eighty-three is a typical national lament in a time of great danger, since the enemies of Israel are automatically the enemies of God.
- In the Hebrew, this is a strong plea for activity, repeated in a threefold manner.
- God's silence must be broken because these nations are his enemies as well.
- That they may know that you, whose name alone is the Lord, are the most high above all the earth.

3 How Lovely Is Your Tabernacle

- O how lovely is your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts. My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.
- For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- No good thing will be withheld from those who walk uprightly.
- This is the song of a pilgrim whose goal is almost reached.
- The thought is that it was always pleasant to be in the house of the Lord.

4 Will You Not Revive Us Again

- Will you not revive us again that your people may rejoice in you?
- Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- Mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed.
- Though basically a national lament, this psalm has a strong prophetic element as well.

- The psalmist uses this ideal picture to show the sharp contrast with the present and the assurance of the future.

MY NOTES