

# Duties of Nations' Leaders

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*[Psalm 82:1-8] God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.*

*2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah*

*3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.*

*4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.*

*5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.*

*6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.*

*7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."*

*8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.*

The presidential election of South Korea in last March resulted in a change of its political power from the left socialist group of Moon Jae-In to the conservative rightist Yoon Seok-youl. Many South Koreans, both domestic and abroad, have a great expectation that Yoon will restore the nation's social order and national dynamism. I have written several messages to proclaim God's interest in the national governance of all nations. God judges the performance of the national leaders and rewards or punishes them based on the divine standards that He has proclaimed throughout human history.

Psalm 82 describes a divine council wherein God has called together the 'mighty gods,' referring to the chief angels assigned to the governance of the earthly nations, and is judging their performance. Through this amazing psalm, we get a glimpse of how God, as the sovereign Ruler of the universe, manages the governance of the nations, is very much interested in how the chief angels charged with the responsibilities of nations perform their governance duties by God's divine principles and order, and rewards them accordingly. As God judges the responsible angels, He also judges the human rulers of the nations. When we have this proper insight into God's governance of world affairs, it is wrong to complain to God that He is not interested in the affairs of this world.

When we have a proper understanding of how God executes His sovereign rule over the affairs of this world, leaders of the nations should take a humble place before God, seek to establish the divine principles and standards in the nations they rule, and manage the affairs of their nations toward implementing the kingdom of God here on earth before Jesus Christ returns. When they do so, God will bless them with His favor and through the assistance of His angels. It would be highly beneficial for nations' leaders to study how the kings of Israel and Judah either succeeded or failed in God's sight and the corresponding conditions of the nation under their charge.

In verse 2 above, God emphasizes the importance of establishing law and order and social justice. Verses 3 and 4 point to the imperative of consideration of the socially-weak classes and the economic justice, implying the implementation of the Ten Commandment in the society. And verse 5 is the conclusive judgment and criticism that God lays on the ruling angels who failed.

*[Psalm 82:5] They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.*

Rarely are the national leaders of the present-day world aware of God's principles and truths, nor do they seek to understand them. In the absence of the divine enlightenment, they work in the darkness of warped human judgments, deranged political logic, and self-centered 'national interests,' in establishing and implementing national policies, and they seek to justify their governance actions accordingly. Oftentimes they commit illegal, corrupt actions to enrich the wealth and sustainment of the political powers of themselves and the groups they share ungodly goals. God hates such leaders and will punish them accordingly as He did the chief angels (gods) as seen in this psalm. Throughout human history, most leaders of the nations were wrong in God's sight and the entire world's foundations were and still are unstable or 'deranged.' Today, such is God's judgment on the state of the world affairs.

However, God honors those who insist on the restoration of the nation to God-centered rule. He provides help and protection to such righteous warriors, who fight against the deranged policies and governance of ungodly rulers, insisting on returning to the principles and standards of God found in the Bible. God loves such people and provides help through the Holy Spirit and His angels.

*[Acts 13:22] And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'*

King David was the greatest king in the history of Israel because the purpose and goals of his heart were dedicated to establishing and implementing the divine will and plan of God in the kingdom he was charged to govern. Because David maintained this humble attitude before God, he was protected and blessed by God so that Israel's national power stretched from Egypt to the Euphrates during the 40 years of his reign.

God earnestly desires the leaders of the world's nations to honor and respect the divine principles and implement them as their nations' political ideals and policies. And He is looking for such leaders whose hearts are like that of King David. It is my sincere prayer that the new president of South Korea and those who join him in the new administration of my mother country seek to honor God and His divine principles in all of the actions they take because that is the shortest way of restoring the nation's integrity and rightness, thus secure the divine help coming from the throne of the sovereign Ruler of the whole universe.

*[1 Samuel 12:24-25] Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.*

This warning that God issued to the people of Israel through the prophet Samuel long ago also applies to all nations and their peoples today. Therefore, they ought to consider what is the most noble, worthy goal of the country instead of short-term, self-centered interests. It takes true humility before God to perform this search in the true sense.

It is my sincere prayer that the U.S., South Korea, and all Christian nations are kept under God's protection and blessing through the coming calamitous end-times of pandemics, natural disasters, famine, and wars, that they are found to be on the side with Jesus Christ when He returns as the King of kings of the whole world so that the peoples of such nations take exemplary roles in the coming Millennial Kingdom. Amen.

*[Daniel 12:2-3] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.*

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