

# Pray Tell: The Song for Tuesday

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## תהילים פ"ב

(א) מִזְמוֹר לְאֶסְרָף אֱלֹהִים נֹצֵב בְּעֵדֹת־אֵל בְּקִרְבֹּת אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁפֹּט: (ב) עַד־מָתִי תִשְׁפָּטוּ־עָנָוִל  
וּפְגִי רְשָׁעִים תִּשְׁאוּ־סִלָּה: (ג) שְׁפָטוּ־גֵל וְיִתּוֹם עָנִי וְרֵשׁ הַצְּדִיקוֹ: (ד) פְּלִטוּ־גֵל וְאֶבְיוֹן מִיַּד  
רְשָׁעִים הַצִּילוּ: (ה) לֹא יִדְעוּ | וְלֹא יֵבִינוּ בְּחַשְׁכָּה יִתְהַלְכוּ יִמּוּטוּ כְּלִי־מוֹסְדֵי אָרֶץ: (ו)  
אֲנִי־אֲמַרְתִּי אֱלֹהִים אַתֶּם וּבְנֵי עֲלִיוֹן כְּלַכְּם: (ז) אֲכֹן כְּאַדָּם תְּמוּתוֹן וְכֶאֱחָד הַשָּׂרִים תִּפְלוּ:  
(ח) קוּמָה אֱלֹהִים שְׁפֹטָה הָאָרֶץ כִּי־אַתָּה תִּנְחַל בְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם:

## Psalms 82

(1) A psalm of Asaph. God stands in the divine assembly; among the divine beings He pronounces judgment. (2) How long will you judge perversely, showing favor to the wicked?Selah. (3) Judge the wretched and the orphan, vindicate the lowly and the poor, (4) rescue the wretched and the needy; save them from the hand of the wicked. (5) They neither know nor understand, they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth totter. (6) I had taken you for divine beings, sons of the Most High, all of you; (7) but you shall die as men do, fall like any prince. (8) Arise, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are Your possession.

## ראש השנה ל"א א

בשלישי היו אומרים (תהלים פב, א) אלהים נצב בעדת אל על שם שגילה ארץ בחכמתו  
והכין תבל לעדתו

## Rosh Hashanah 31a

**On the third day of the week they would recite the psalm beginning: "God stands in the congregation of God" (Psalms 82:1), because on the third day of Creation He revealed the land in His wisdom and thereby prepared the world for His assembly that could now live on the dry land.**

## ברכות ו' א

אמר רבין בר רב אדא א"ר יצחק מנין שהקב"ה מצוי בבית הכנסת שנאמר (תהלים פב,  
א) אלהים נצב בעדת אל ומנין לעשרה שמתפללין ששכינה עמהם שנאמר אלהים נצב  
בעדת אל ומנין לשלשה שיושבין בדין ששכינה עמהם שנאמר (תהלים פב, א) בקרב  
אלהים ישפוט...וכי מאחר דאפילו חד תרי מבעיא תרי מכתבן מלייהו בספר הזכרונות

חד לא מכתבן מליה בספר הזכרונות וכי מאחר דאפי' תרי תלתא מבעיא מהו דתימא דינא שלמא בעלמא הוא ולא אתיא שכינה קמ"ל דדינא נמי היינו תורה וכי מאחר דאפי' תלתא עשרה מבעיא עשרה קדמה שכינה ואתיא תלתא עד דיתבי:

### Berakhot 6a

In explaining Abba Binyamin's statement, **Ravin bar Rav Adda said that Rabbi Yitzhak said: From where is it derived that the Holy One, Blessed be He, is located in a synagogue? As it is stated: "God stands in the congregation of God; in the midst of the judges He judges" (Psalms 82:1).** The congregation of God is the place where people congregate to sing God's praises, and God is located among His congregation. **And from where is it derived that ten people who pray, the Divine Presence is with them? As it is stated: "God stands in the congregation of God,"** and the minimum number of people that constitute a congregation is a quorum of ten. **From where is it derived that three who sit in judgment, the Divine Presence is with them?** It is derived from this same verse, **as it is stated: "In the midst of the judges He judges,"** and the minimum number of judges that comprises a court is three. The Gemara asks: **Since** the Divine Presence rests **even** upon **one** who engages in Torah study, **was it necessary** to say that the Divine Presence rests upon **two** who study Torah together? The Gemara answers: There is a difference between them. **Two** people, **their words of Torah are written in the book of remembrance**, as it is stated: "And a book of remembrance was written"; however **a single** individual's **words of Torah are not written in a book of remembrance**. The Gemara continues: **Since** the Divine Presence rests **even** upon **two** who engage in Torah study, is it **necessary** to mention **three**? The Gemara answers: Here too, a special verse is necessary **lest you say that judgment is merely to keep the peace among the citizenry, and the Divine Presence does not come and rest upon those who sit in judgment as they are not engaged in Torah study.** Ravin bar Rav Adda **teaches us that sitting in judgment is also Torah.** The Gemara asks: **Since** the Divine Presence rests **even** upon **three**, is it **necessary** to mention **ten**? The Gemara answers: **The Divine Presence arrives before a group of ten.** For a group of **three** judges, however, the Divine Presence does not arrive **until they sit** and begin their deliberations, as in the midst of the judges He judges. God aids them in their judgment, but does not arrive before them.

### סנהדרין ו' ב

ויהו הדיינין יודעין את מי הן דנין ולפני מי הן דנין ומי עתיד ליפרע מהן שנא' (תהלים פב, א) אלהים נצב בעדת אל

### Sanhedrin 6b

**And the judges should know whom they are judging, and before Whom they are judging, and Who will ultimately exact payment from them, as it is stated: "God stands in the congregation of God" (Psalms 82:1).**



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