

# Beltway Park

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## Rescue the Needy Sanctity of Human Life Week 2010 Beltway Park 1.24.10

*Text: Psalm 82:1-4 (p.583)*

The \_\_\_\_\_.

It's not really Asaph who is posing the question. The question is prophetically coming from \_\_\_\_\_ through Asaph.

Most biblical scholars will say that those in \_\_\_\_\_ over Israel – the rulers and judges - are the ones being addressed as “little g gods.” They are the ones charged with representing God in the nation.

But the question also has a broader \_\_\_\_\_ than government officials. (*Is. 3:13*)

Though the question of v.2 is being most directly asked to rulers and judges, in a broader way it is being asked of everyone who might be able to wield some \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of others. That includes us.

“\_\_\_\_\_” is a very un-American word. It is a call for the listener to stop – to pause – to meditate on what is being posed.

Don't rush through this as quickly as you can (which is the typical American way). Stop. Meditate. In this particular case, we are to ask ourselves the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **is actually defense of injustice.**

Verses 3-4 are the \_\_\_\_\_, the opposite of the accusation being made in v.2. When we read the question in v.2, we might have no specific example of when we defended injustice or showed partiality to the wicked.

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However, vv.3-4 tell us that if we are not defending the weak and fatherless, if we are not seeking the rights of the poor and oppressed, if we are not rescuing the weak and delivering the needy, then we at a level are \_\_\_\_\_ of the accusation. (*James 4:17*)

Often it seems that Christians feel we must choose between being evangelistic or standing for issues of justice. Biblically it is not either/or. It is \_\_\_\_\_. We are to evangelize and we are to defend, to rescue, to deliver those in need.

In Amos 5, God wasn't (and isn't) saying that He doesn't want us to worship together. But He desires that our worship together lead to \_\_\_\_\_ of giving honor to Him.

Defending – rescuing – delivering the poor, the oppressed, the needy, the hurting – gives great \_\_\_\_\_ to our God.  
(*Amos 5:21-24*)

## What can we do?

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There is group praying a simple yet profound prayer every day:  
“Jesus, I plead your \_\_\_\_\_ over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and send revival to America.”

It can sound like a cop-out in church to say we need to pray. And it is a cop-out if all we do is say we need to pray. But if we really pray, and if we really listen to what God is saying to us, and we do what He says, I am confident \_\_\_\_\_ will roll like a mighty river.

For further help or study:

- For men and women who have been part of an abortion. Beltway Freedom Classes (Sunday 9:40 AM or Tuesday 6:30 PM) or call the church office (692-6540). Jesus forgives and heals!
  - To give or volunteer - Pregnancy Resource of Abilene. [www.prabilene.com](http://www.prabilene.com).
  - [www.abort73.com](http://www.abort73.com)
  - [www.bound4life.com](http://www.bound4life.com)
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