

# Psalm 75:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

## Analysis

God speaks in first person: "When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly" (Hebrew ki eqqach mo-ed ani meysharim eshpot). "Receive the congregation" can mean "appoint the set time"—God sovereignly determines when judgment occurs. "Judge uprightly" (Hebrew meysharim eshpot) emphasizes perfect justice. The verse teaches divine patience: God delays judgment not from weakness but purposeful timing (2 Peter 3:9). When the appointed time arrives, judgment will be perfectly righteous.

## Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern justice was notoriously corrupt—bribery, favoritism, and partiality pervaded courts. Even Israel's judges often failed (1 Samuel 8:3, Amos 5:12). This verse promises that God's judgment is absolutely impartial and just. The "set time" recalls appointed feasts (Hebrew mo-ed) and prophetic fulfillment (Daniel 9:24-27, Galatians 4:4, "fullness of time").

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that God has an "appointed time" for judgment affect your response to present injustice?
2. What does it mean that God's judgment will be "upright"—perfectly just without partiality or error?
3. How does Christ's return as Judge at the appointed time (Acts 17:31) fulfill this promise?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 17:31** (Judgment): Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**Ecclesiastes 3:17** (Judgment): I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

**Acts 1:7** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

**John 7:6** (Parallel theme): Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.