

# Week 5, One Year Bible Challenge: "Life's Not Fair"

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

**This week's reading January 27 to February 2**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, "*The One Year Bible Challenge*," you should read the daily materials as set out in "*The One Year Bible*." The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Exodus 8:1-21:21

Matthew 19:13-23:39

Psalm 24:1-28:9

Proverbs 6:1-7:5



Let the children come to me, by Vogelstein, Vogel Von (1788-1868)

**Next Week's Reading February 3-9**

Exodus 21:22-33:23

Matthew 24:1-27:14

Psalm 29:1-33:11

Proverbs 7:6-8:36]

## Discussion Questions:

### Old Testament

- Was the death of the firstborn the worst of the ten plagues? Exodus 12:29-33. If so, why? If not, which plague was the worst. Why did God save the death of the firstborn until last? Or do you think God had additional plagues in mind if Pharaoh had not finally relented?
- In Exodus 14:21 (WEBME) says, "the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." Did it really take all night for the seas to part? If so, why does popular culture often portray the event as only taking a few seconds or minutes?
- Why did the manna which God provided to his people only last for one day at a time (except it lasted an extra day on the sabbath)? Exodus 16:14-23. Do God's rules for the handling of manna have any application or meaning for modern Christians?

### New Testament

What did Jesus mean when he said that "the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these [children]?" Matthew 19:16.

- Was the mother of James and John out of line when she asked Jesus that her sons be able to sit at his right and left side in His kingdom? Matthew 20:20-22.
- In Jesus' parable, a wedding guest was thrown out of the wedding feast for not wearing appropriate wedding clothing. Matthew 22:11-14. Should we take this story to emphasize the importance of wearing our best clothing when we come to church? If not, what is the point of the parable..

FOOTNOTE:

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# Week 45, One Year Bible Challenge: “A Better Covenant”

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**This week’s reading November 4-10**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, “*The One Year Bible Challenge*,” you should read the daily materials as set out in “[The One Year Bible](#).” The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Ezekiel 12:1 to Ezekiel 23:49

Hebrews 7:1 to Hebrews 10:39

Psalms 105:37 to 109:31

Proverbs 27:3 to 27:13

**Next Week’s Reading November 11-17**



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Ezekiel 24:1 to 38:23

Hebrews 11:1 to James 2:17

Psalm 110:1 to 117:2

Proverbs 27:14 to 28:1

## **Discussion Questions:**

### Old Testament

- God knew his people intentionally disobeyed him. He referred to the captives in Babylon as “the rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and don’t see, who have ears to hear, and don’t hear.” Ezekiel 12:2. Christ later quoted this passage as He spoke to His disciples. Mark 8:18. What about modern believers—do we (or YOU) see and hear the truth, but still rebel against God?
- God told Ezekiel to speak against false prophets. Ezekiel 13:1 Why would these false prophets follow their own spirit, rather than speak for God?
- People often want to punish the guilty to achieve justice. Is this God’s preferred way? Ezekiel 18:23. Would the world be different if we really preferred repentance over punishment?

### New Testament

- Why is the new covenant with Jesus Christ better than the old covenant? Hebrews 8:6.
- Why does Hebrews 8:10-11 say God’s people “shall not teach, each one his brother”?
- What is the importance of Hebrews 9:22? Did Christ’s death and resurrection change the Law; or how the Law was implemented?

### FOOTNOTE:

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# Week 44, One Year Bible Challenge: "Visions"

## Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study



The prophet Ezekiel cuts off his hair and beard and burns it. Ezekiel 5:1-4.

**This week's reading October 28 to November 3**[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, "*The One Year Bible Challenge*," you should read the daily materials as set out in "[The One Year Bible](#)." The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Lamentations 1:1 to Ezekiel 11:25

Philemon 1:1 to Hebrews 6:20

Psalms 101:1 to 105:36

Proverbs 26:20 to 27:2

**Next Week's Reading November 4-10**

Ezekiel 12:1 to Ezekiel 23:49

Hebrews 7:1 to Hebrews 10:39

Psalms 105:37 to 109:31

Proverbs 27:3 to 27:13

**Discussion Questions:**

Old Testament

- Lamentations 2:5 says the LORD had become "like an

enemy.” Is this the same as God actually being the enemy of Israel? In any event, how did God’s chosen people get in this position?

- Lamentations 3:25 says, “The LORD is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.” Can this verse still apply when we’re in a hurry? That is, when we don’t have time to wait? How do we “seek” God?
- Lamentations 5:1-18 describes some of the indignities suffered by Judah. Is “no respect shown to the elders” (v. 12) in the same class as the other items? Why is this item contained in this list?

### New Testament

- Hebrews 2:7 says that Jesus was “a little lower than angels.” Some commentators say the meaning here is that Christ—born as a man—was at that time inferior to angels. Do you agree with this interpretation?
- “Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant... but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house” Hebrews 3:5-6. What is the difference between the Moses and Jesus?
- Is having a “heart of unbelief” really evil? Read Hebrews 3:12.

### FOOTNOTE: