

Ezekiel 18:25

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?

We touched on this same type of thing yesterday in the devotional of verse 23 here in Ezekiel 18 as we look around and see the world prospering and healthy while we struggle each week to make it, and some may be experiencing a severe illness or constant pain. In our thoughts we sometimes think, “*The way of the Lord is not fair.*”

I guess the first question for those who say this is, when did we become right, and God wrong?

The second question would be, when did we determine what is fair and not fair?

I refer to this guy in the Old Testament a lot, because he always seems to have taught us about things like this, and that guy is Joseph, who was sold by his brothers into slavery, falsely accused of something he didn't do (attempted rape), thrown into prison and forgotten about by two guys he helped out by interpreting their dreams while he was in prison.

Now if anyone would be able to say “*The way of the Lord is not fair*”, you would think that Joseph would be the one. But we never read of Joseph saying that, instead he says:

† **Gen 50:19-20** *Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”*

Sometimes we don't understand or see why we are going through things we are going through until many years later. And sometimes it may not be until after we die and are in heaven that we will understand it all. But until then, let's stop judging God wrongly and blaming Him for all the troubles of the world, and ask God to give us a heart and attitude like Joseph, then you can say in your own heart “*Do not be afraid, for I am in the place of God.*”

† **Exodus 33:13 (NLT2)** “*If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.*”