

September 06 / Sunday

No Fair

Read [Revelation 7:9-17](#) / [1 Corinthians 15:19](#)



07 / Mon – It's not fair that it's not fair | Read [Psalm 25:5](#)

A common phrase heard when children are playing together is *'no fair!'* Maybe someone doesn't play by the rules or makes a promise and doesn't keep it. You hear it at the dinner table when one grabs the biggest piece of dessert. It seems built into human nature to expect life to be fair and gets confusing when sweet babies are born with disabilities, natural disasters destroy homes and livelihoods, accidents and disease claim the lives of young people who have so much potential. What gives you hope in the midst of the unfairness of life?

08 / Tue – Missing facts | Read [Proverbs 3:5-6](#) / [Jeremiah 29:10-14](#)

Things don't seem fair because sometimes you don't have all the facts or what you see is out of context. Solomon's famous proverb gives some great advice. Humility will allow you to trust God when things don't go the direction you hoped or prayed they would. When you don't know what to do next, ask for help from the One who understands all things. He has a good plan and will make things right in the end. Will you trust Him even when you don't understand?

09 / Wed – The Great Get-Together | Read [1 Corinthians 2:9](#)

Even if you don't usually get excited about the end-of-summer *Minnesota Great Get-Together*, you will agree it seems unfair that there is no state fair this year. As good as that experience has been for many people in the past, it cannot compare with God's "Great Get-Together" in heaven. We don't know what it will look like exactly but we *do* know it will not be cancelled. What intrigues you most when you think about heaven?

10 / Thu – The real reason | Read [John 14:3](#) / [Revelation 21:3](#)

What purpose did Jesus give for coming back to get you? It is interesting that Jesus didn't describe the place he was getting ready for you. Is that because it doesn't really matter? Other scriptures in the Bible give hints about what it might look like, in words that are sometimes hard to completely understand, but one thing is clear: it won't be golden streets or gates of pearl that make it heaven. It will be the joy of being with Him, no space in between you.

11 / Fri – Good riddance | Read [Revelation 21:4](#) / [1 Corinthians 13:12](#)

There are some things that will be missing in heaven. Sadness, pain, hunger, thirst, broken hearts. All tears will be wiped away by God himself. All the unanswered questions will be understood. Life will finally make sense. Everything will finally be 'fair' and peace will reign. How does this promised future encourage you on the tough days?

12 / Sat – Something to consider | Read [Genesis 3:1-7](#) / [Isaiah 53:3](#)

Here's something to ponder: have we been fair to God? Does He get all the blame when life goes terribly wrong? Did we trade the precious relationship He offered for pleasure or power or other temporary things because of self-centered living? How did He respond? By providing the ultimate sacrifice needed to bridge the insurmountable gap between us and a pure and holy God. It was costly but it proved His love. How can you be less doubtful and more 'fair' with God?