

I Don't Deserve This

Life is not fair! This is a lament we hear often. Even we, believers, sometimes have this cry.

- nobody cares about me
- even when I am nice people treat me like nobody
- my siblings are not nice to be
- I am sick, but nobody cares
- I don't get what I deserve
- I did not get anything from my father's wealth
- I work so hard, yet nobody recognizes it, don't even get paid fairly
- I do so many things at home, still my wife/husband and children don't appreciate it
- everybody is trying to get something out of me always
- those who neglected me when I was young expect the world from me now
- I am neglected even in the church
- I think even God has forsaken me

When we live in this fallen world all these statements may seem right and we may not expect anything much different. That again does not give any consolation.

Consider this:

- He was despised and rejected by mankind
- He had no place to lay His head
- He had to borrow a donkey to ride, a boat as a platform to preach, a house for Passover feast and a tomb for burial
- He was not extended even the common courtesy of washing His feet when invited into a house, which the servants of the house did for all the guests
- He was called the friend of sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes; he was even called Satan
- His own brothers were against Him and ridiculed him
- He was oppressed and afflicted
- He was led like a lamb to the slaughter
- He was like a sheep before its shearers
- He did not get justice in his suffering
- He was scorned and despised by the people
- He was forsaken by the Father
- He is mocked and despised even today

If the short span of our Savior's life on this earth was not fair what else we could expect? Rejoice when you are scorned and despised, you are

becoming like Jesus. Thank God when you are seen as an enemy of this world and the people around you, you are being transformed into his likeness. If you are disregarded even by your family shout for joy, you are getting closer to be like the Savior.

He is our model; expect nothing less of what He experienced.

Someone asked C.S. Lewis, "Why do the righteous suffer?" "Why not?" he replied. "They're the only ones who can take it."
Unknown.

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller quoted in: Barbara Rowes, The book of Quotes, Dutton.

A clay pot sitting in the sun will always be a clay pot. It has to go through the white heat of the furnace to become porcelain.

Mildred Witte Struven, in *Bits and Pieces*, September 19, 1991, p. 6.

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IRENE THOMAS	11/08	JERYLN MATHEW	11/10
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"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),
Bro. Jacob Alexander, Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal,
Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma
Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty
Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair) & all who are sick among us.**

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