

Tanya Howze – Lesson 9

What is one new thing you learned or idea to which you were exposed?

The idea to which I was exposed this week were the different ways that we are accepting of God's love. Some of the exiles lost hope because they could not believe in the love that God had for them. That premise holds true for a lot of individuals today as well. There were three different types of thinking in that group. Some basically thought that God had treated them unfairly, others admitted that God had, in fact, treated them fairly, and then there were those who were just simply hopeless (Oswalt, 557-558). Even though that was the thinking of those groups then, it's sad to say that we still have those who feel and think that way today.

I can understand those that felt hopeless and those that felt like God did treat them fairly however what really boggles my mind is how can one say that God treated them unfairly. If anything we treat God unfairly by continuously sinning. He made the ultimately sacrifice and died on the cross and gave his life for us. What is it that He didn't do for you to think that He treated you unfairly? Did you receive a negative doctors report, were you addicted to drugs, were you in an abusive relationship? What was it? Many times people don't realize that the things that have happened to them are caused by them. I believe that if we, as individuals, would hold ourselves accountable for the things that happen in our lives than we would not charge God for treating us unfairly.