

Rediscover Jesus, Part 51: “True Repentance”

Luke 13:1-9

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¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’

⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

One Thing

Turn to God in repentance because he is just in his judgment and merciful in his patience.

Overview

- 1) It is wrong to think God punishes some sinners with life’s tragedies (vv.1-2, 4)
- 2) It is right for all sinners to perish because of our sin (vv.3-5)
- 3) It is the gospel that fulfills God’s justice and mercy to save us (vv.6-9)

Life Application

- 1) Repent regularly to be a fruitful disciple in Christ.
- 2) Repent together to help check for the good fruit of genuine faith.