

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9)

The Jews widely held that catastrophe was a sign of God's judgment

In spite of the book of Job, many held "disaster" to be proof of sin.

Jesus often dealt with this type of self-righteous moralism of the Jews

Jesus just rebuked the Jews for not understanding the times (12:54-59)

Some tell Jesus of the Galileans slaughtered by Pilate while sacrificing

Jesus warning them about their own sin: those killed by tower of Siloam

I. The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree – Described

V 6 certain man had a fig tree, planted it & sought fruit but found none

V 7 after three years, the keeper was to cut the tree down: taking up space

V 8 The keeper asked the master to give it a year: dig & fertilize the tree

V 9 if it bears fruit, then well, if not then after that you can cut it down.

II. Applying the Principles of the Parable of the Fig Tree: Five Principles

1. God has placed us in the most favorable circumstances for producing and bringing forth fruit.
2. God expects abundant fruit from a tree on which He has bestowed such unparalleled blessings and privileges
3. God pronounces sentence of destruction on all who, having had such privileges, bring forth no fruit.
4. This sentence proclaimed is not immediately brought to fruition
5. May God cause us to lay this lesson to heart