



## The Calamities of Life Must Prompt Us To Repent Luke 13:1-9

- 1) Death comes to all; calamity happens (Rom 3:23)
  - a) Sometimes our sin earns disaster (cf. Job 8:4; Matt. 9:2)
  - b) Oftentimes no specific sin on our part brings calamity (John 9:1-2)
- 2) In light of reality, we must all repent of sin
  - a) What repentance is not
    - i) An emotional experience from hyper-sensitive people
    - ii) The ritual of penance—confession, works, etc.
  - b) What repentance is
    - i) We agree with God about our sinful ways
    - ii) We change our ways to glorify Him
- 3) Bad things also happen to God's people
  - a) To cause us to lean upon God, not ourselves (2 Cor 1:8-9)
  - b) To expose what, and who, we truly love (Acts 5:41)
  - c) To test the genuineness of our faith (1 Pet 1:6-7; cf. Ps 44:21; Acts 15:8)
  - d) To prepare us for greater usefulness (Jas 1:2-4)
  - e) To remind us of our eternal hope (Rom 5:3-5)
  - f) To teach us to obey (Heb. 12:5-11; Ps 119:67, 71)
  - g) To reveal God's compassion (2 Cor 1:4-5; Ps 103:13)
  - h) To equip us to comfort others (Luke 22:31-32; Cor 1:4,6)
  - i) To show us that God has a plan (Rom 8:28-30)
- 4) Conclusions
  - a) Man must own and repent of his sins
  - b) God gives us severe trials to draw us to Him
  - c) God fertilizes our faith with His word