

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Repentance"**  
**Luke 13:1-9**  
**Study-57**

**Jesus warns about our impending death that lies ahead.**  
**Luke 12:49, 58-59**

**Luke 13:3,5 but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**

**Luke 13 "The Kingdom of God" (Synopsis of the Kingdom)**  
**Verses 1-9 Repentance To Enter The Kingdom**  
**Verses 10-17 Opposition To The Kingdom**  
**Verses 18-21 Growth Of The Kingdom**  
**Verses 22-35 Triumph Of The Kingdom**

**Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Sinfulness Is Universal, And God's Remedy For Man's Sinfulness Is Repentance, Which Delivers Us From His Judgment."

- 1. Verses 1-5 Necessity Of Repentance:**
- 2. Verses 6-9 Evidence Of Repentance:**

**1. Verses 1-5 Necessity Of Repentance:**

**Luke 13:1 Now on the same occasion**

**(Context)** What was the occasion that Luke is referring to? Jesus had just spoken about "**Being Ready.**" A servant of God is committed to serving. He is faithful and focused on God's priorities **Luke 12:58-59**

**Judgment/Punishment now leads Jesus to speak about God's (Way of Escape) Through "Repentance"**

**Verses 1-3 Incident of A Brutal Massacre:**  
**who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.**

**This incident is exclusive to Luke's Gospel:**

**Pilate** - His full name was "*Pontius Pilate*" He was governor of Judea. He took the position after a series of civil and military appointments. He was in the position from (AD. 26-36)

**Pilate** - was known as a heavy-handed ruler.

**Pilate insulted the Jews:** One time by having soldiers carry into Jerusalem flags bearing the images of Caesar, a god. It just about started a riot.

**Pilate provoked the Jews by setting up an idol:**

Pilate lost his position when he had soldiers attack some assembled Samaritans

**Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.**

This is *Figurative*. "The Galileans were at killed the same time, as they were making an offering."

**Pilate raided the temple treasury:**

The money was to be used for the temple and ministry, but Pilate used the money to fund a building project of an aqueduct.

**The Jews believed that the victims of calamities and misfortunes were guilty of extraordinary sins in their lives that were hidden. Job 4:7; 8:20; 22:4-11; John 9:1-3**

**Luke 13:2 And Jesus said to them,**

Jesus poses a question that confronts the people's false assumption. Jesus even answers His question.

**"...Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered this fate?" (Verses 4-5 Galileans die Like Judaeans)**

**Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no, (Jesus Answers His Own Question)**

Instead of discussing Pilate's sins, or the victim's sins, Jesus deals with the crowds' sins

**Jesus does not deny that sin sometimes brings tragedy. It does. 1 Corinthians 11:30**

**But to say that all suffering and tragedy is the result of our sins is wrong.**

**repent** – "to change one's mind, change of heart"

Repentance is both a once-for-all decision that shapes the whole subsequent course of life and a day-to-day affair that keeps putting sin away.

**you will all likewise perish.**

This word **perish** – "to destroy, destruction loose, suffer loss"

**Verses 4-5 Tragic Accident: Luke 13:4**

**Tragic Accident Is Not Proof Of Special Sin: (Judaeans die Like Galileans)**

No historical record referring to this event.

### **tower in Siloam**

This was a water supply at the juncture of the Southeast walls inside of Jerusalem. Supply from the Gihon Spring could have happened while the aqueduct from Siloam's reservoir was being improved.  
(Timing was accurate)

**were worse culprits "debtors above" than all the men who live in Jerusalem?**

**"How would you explain the deaths of the people on whom the tower in Siloam fell?"** He asked. That was not the fault of Pilate.

**Luke 13:5 "I tell you, no, (Jesus Answers His Own Question)**

**When trouble comes to someone else and not to us, it does not indicate that we are superior to other individuals. Ecclesiastes 9:11**

**The other side of the coin is that just becoming a Christian does not automatically insulate us from trouble.** We will miss the Great Tribulation, but we will not miss General Tribulation **Romans 5:3**

**but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The question is not, "Why did these people die?" but "What right do we have to live?"**

Notice Jesus said this **twice in verses 3, 5**  
**"but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**

**Jesus taught that sin is universal, and death is its consequence!**  
**Romans 3:23**

**It's not the degree of sin that distracts us from the real question but the presence of sin.**

**"Repentance" is not merely an emotional experience**  
**2 Corinthians 7:9-10**

**repent** – *"to change one's mind, change of heart"*  
*It is to see that God is right, to see ourselves as wrong.*  
*It is a change of direction.*

**How long do I have? Jesus tells a parable:**

## **2. Verses 6-9 Evidence Of Repentance:**

**Luke 13:6 And He began telling this parable:**

This is an illustration that was always in conjunction with teaching.

## **Verses 6-9 Agriculture - Unfruitful Tree Is Cut Down:**

"A man is God the Father. (The Owner)

**had a fig tree** is Israel. The fig tree is often used as a picture of Israel.  
**(Jerimiah 24:1-10; Hosea 9:10; Micah 7:1)**

**verse 7 vineyard-keeper**, Jesus Christ **planted in his vineyard**;  
The vineyard was a livelihood, and the fig tree an object of affection.

**and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any.**  
Which is reasonable.

**Luke 13:7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years** Jesus had been teaching for three years to the people, and there was still no fruit!

**I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any.**  
God the Father comes to the Son and argues from the concept of righteousness that He has not received any fruit.  
(Three years was enough to show it will not produce fruit)

**Matthew 21:18-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-21**

**Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'**

It was planted in a vineyard. It was taller than the vines, and it had no competition. It was shading the grapevines

**Verses 8-9 God's Patience (Mercy): "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too,**  
**(God's Gracious Opportunities don't last forever)**

**until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;**  
Give some extra care and nourishment.

**The spade, or shovel, has to break up the ground to shock us, to get us to produce! (Our Failures, sins, disappointments) 2 Peter 3:8-9**

**Luke 13:9 cut it down.'** "He has had every right to cut us down, but in His mercy, He has spared us. **Matthew 3:8-10**

### **Application:**

- 1.** True Repentance Is A Necessity In Order To Enter The Kingdom Of God
- 2.** True Repentance Is Marked By A Change In Heart And Mind That Continues Through Producing Fruit
- 3.** We Have A Limited Time To Repent, So We Need To Do So Now