



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 (NAS)

Topic: %Why Do Tragic Things Happen?+

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- 1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.
- 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate?
- 3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
- 4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?
- 5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."
- 6 And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any.
- 7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'
- 8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;
- 9 and if it bears fruit next year, fine: but if not, cut it down.'"

I. TYPES OF TRAGEDY

- A. The Actions Of Evil Men
- B. Accidents Or Events Caused By Nature

II. MAN'S RESPONSE

- A. They Must Have Deserved It
- B. How Could A Good God Let This Happen?

III. THE QUESTIONS WE SHOULD ASK

- A. We Should Not Ask, Why?
 1. Were They More Deserving? No! *Mark 10:18; Romans 8:20-22*
 2. Is God Unfair? No! *John 9:2,3*
- B. How Much Time Do We Have? *Ecclesiastes 7:2; II Corinthians 13:5*

IV. WE NEED TO HEAR THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

- A. Given Twice vs. 3 and vs. 5
- B. What Is Repentance?
 1. It is an about face
 2. Turning from sin to faith in the Lord
 3. Repentance produces the fruit of righteousness