



“The Jesus Story: The One Everybody Can Know”

Luke 13:1-9

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XXI. Repent or Perish (Luke 13:1-9)

Four truths that we should remember the next time we hear about a tragedy:

A. Tragedies are a part of life.

1. Bad things often happen to good people and good things often happen to bad people. (Matt 5:45)
2. We live in a fallen world.
3. Our world is under God's curse and it will remain under God's curse until the curse is lifted (Rev 22:3)

B. Tragedies show us that life is fragile and fleeting. (v.2, 4)

1. Ever since the Fall, death has been a part of life. And death often comes suddenly and when we least expect it (Jas 4:13-14; Job 7:7)
2. If you are not in Christ, then your eternal life is in danger and it is not safe for you to die.

C. Tragedies should move you to repent! (v.3, 5)

1. Jesus uses two words: the word, repent and the word, perish.
  - a. The word repentance comes from the Greek word, metanoia. It is composed of two words: meta, meaning change, and noia, meaning mind.
    - 1). Repent: To repent means to feel such regret over an action that you change your mind about it and agree with God that it is sin. (Jer 17:9)

“One of the first things for which we have to pray is a true insight into our condition.” -Olive Wyon

“No man enters heaven until he is first convinced that he deserves hell.”

-John Everett

2). Perish:

a). This word comes from the Greek word, apollumi, which means “to destroy”, “to put out of the way entirely”, “to give over to eternal misery in hell,” and “to be lost and ruined.”

b). It is really a word that points to one thing—the second death. (Rev 20:11-15)

2. For those of you who know that you are in Christ, Paul gives this word of encouragement... (Rom 8:1; Luk 5:30-32; Heb 9:2)

D. Every day that an unrepentant sinner lives is because of God's mercy. (v.6-9; Rom 1:21-23; Rom 2:4-5)

1. Do you know why God doesn't destroy our world? It is because He is a God of grace and mercy and He is patient with us because He loves us so much! (II Pet 3:9; Acts 3:19-20)