


The Barren Fig Tree

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Observations from Luke 13:6-9:

What is happening here?

- **Tragedy and Repentance: v1-5** (Setting the Scene for the Parable)
 - Galileans killed and a tragedy occurred at the tower of Siloam
 - Christ spoke to this saying to repent or perish.

Understanding the Parable:

- The Owner = God | The Gardener = Christ | The Fig Tree = Israel / Unbelievers
- **The Barren Fig Tree: v6-7**
 - A fig tree should bear fruit by the third year. No fruit on this tree!
- **The Vinedresser's Plea: v8**
 - "Let me dig around and fertilize it"
 - Dig Around = Removing obstacles | Fertilizing = Adding nourishment
- **The Uncertain Future: v9**
 - "*Well and good*" mean that the tree's future is secured.
 - The future depends on how the tree responds

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Lessons from Luke 13:6-9:

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

• **God Gives Time, But Not Forever**

- We are in this time of salvation; this is the opportunity to respond now!
- Ask yourself: How will I/We respond to God's calling?
 - Reference Verse(s): *2 Corinthians 6:2, Romans 2:4*

• **From the Jews to the Gentiles - Salvation is Available for All**

- Just as the fig tree was given more time, so too are we given time to come to faith in Him.
 - Reference Verse(s): *Romans 11:11-12, Ephesians 3:6*

• **Christ is the Vinedresser - He Advocates for Us**

- Let God work in and through you to produce fruit.
 - Reference Verse(s): *John 15:2, Philippians 1:9-11*
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Application from Luke 13:6-9:

How can I apply / live this out?

• **Today is the Day of Salvation - Respond Now**

- It is about believing in Christ; Responding to the Gospel Message
 - Reference Verse(s): *2 Corinthians 6:2, Luke 3:9, Acts 17:30*

• **Let Today Be the Day You Bear Fruit**

- Faith without works is dead. We are called to have an *active faith*, not a dead faith. This is growth is ongoing and continued transformation.
 - Reference Verse(s): *Galatians 5:22-23, Hebrews 12:11, 2 Corinthians 13:5, John 15:8*

• **Let God Work in You to Share the Gospel**

- As you grow and are transformed, be moved to share in hope of Christ.
 - Spiritual Growth is for our benefit and for the benefit of others.
 - Reference Verse(s): *Philippians 1:6, Matthew 5:16, Colossians 1:10*
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