



# REIGNITING

## YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

### WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO BAD PEOPLE LUKE 13:1-9

**INTRODUCTION:** Why do bad things happen to good people...or not so good people? Jesus answers that question in a surprising way in our passage today.

I. The Occasion For The Question (Luke 13:1)

Luke 13:1 “Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.”

II. Jesus Answers The Question (Luke 13:2-9)

A. With Another Question (Luke 13:2-3)

Luke 13:2 “And He answered and said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered this fate?’”

Luke 13:3 “I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

B. With Another Example (Luke 13:4)

Luke 13:4 “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?”

C. With A Command (Luke 13:5)

Acts 2:23-24 “<sup>23</sup> this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. <sup>24</sup> And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.”

Hebrews 11:39 “And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,”

Job 38:1-4 “1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, 2 ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you instruct Me! 4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth!’”

Luke 13:5 “I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

D. With A Parable (Luke 13:6-9)

Luke 13:6-9 “6 And He began telling this parable: A certain 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.’”

III. Three Timeless Truths

A. We Should Focus On The **Eternal**, Not The **Temporal**

B. **Repentance** Is The Only Way To Escape God’s Judgment

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C. God’s Patience Can Be **Exhausted**

Hebrews 12:6a “FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES...”