

National Repentance And Fruit Bearing (1)

Luke 13:1-9

Intro. A. Man's relationship with God begins with Repentance.

1. Acts 20:21 - "Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ".

2. Luke 24:46-47

3. "Repent" = μετανοέω = "to change one's mind and purpose", "to reform", "to have a genuine change of heart and life from worse to better".

B. Man's fellowship with God demands repentance.

1. Matt. 21:28-29

2. Often times we must change our minds and our ways before God.

C. Nations and institutions must repent.

Vs. 3+5 1. Israel was called upon to repent.

Rev. 2:5,16,21 2. Churches must also repent.

I. Judging Others, An Uncertain Activity.

A. Some people came to tell Jesus about the Galileans.

Vs. 1- 1. "whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices".

2. These were revolutionaries who had been killed by the soldiers of Pilate, probably in some holy place.

Vs. 2 3. They were not paying for their sins.

Vs. 3 4. These tattle-tales are sinners and must repent.

B. Jesus spoke of another disaster.

Vs. 4 1. "... those eighteen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell".

2. Were they the greatest sinners in Jerusalem?

Vs. 5 3. "except ye repent".

IV. What Fruit Does God Expect From Us?

A. What makes God happy?

1. What is there about this place that pleases God?
2. Is it what we are physically or spiritually?

B. We can make additions but can we make members of His body?

C. We can raise money but can we create motive?