THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

Luke 13:1-9

Big Idea: We have the incredible privilege of being able to find gratitude in every circumstance because of the gift of repentance, which leads to the promise of eternal life.

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1. Jesus has given us
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 O 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."
Job 4:7 "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright destroyed?"
1 Kings 8:46 "When they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;"
Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
2. Jesus teaches us
⁶ "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.'"
2 Corinthians 6:2b "Behold, now is 'the acceptable time,' behold, now is 'the day of salvation."
Isaiah 55:6-7 "Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."
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