

The Gospel of Luke



Healing & Hypocrisy

Luke 12:54-13:9

54 And He was also saying to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it turns out. 55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, ‘It will be a hot day,’ and it turns out that way. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?

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57 “And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? 58 For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.”

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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.

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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? 5 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” 6 And He began telling this parable: “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.

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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.'"

Luke 13:1 – CONTEXT?

What was the “occasion”? – vs. 12:54-59

Of what was He speaking to them?

- *The sure and coming judgement*
- *Their accountability to God*

As the account continues, what “news” is raised?

- *Galileans slain by Pilate*
- *Jerusalemites died when a tower fell on them.*

Luke 13:1-5 – Current Events

What was the popular explanation of events?

How did Jesus connect these current events with His teaching in the previous verses?

- *He refuted their mistaken belief about guiltiness.*
- *He emphasized their own need to repent.*
- *He had called them “hypocrites.” – v. 12:56*
- *“You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?”*

Luke 12:54-56 – Hypocrisy?

“How do you not analyze this present time?”

They should have known Daniel 9:24-26, at least!

- *“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city... So, you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; ...after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.”*

Luke 12:54-56 – Hypocrisy?

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you will all likewise perish.”

What do we know about “repentance”?

μετανοέω (*metanoēō*). vb. to repent, change
one's mind.

*In the NT, generally refers not simply to
changing one's mind but turning back to God.”*

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Luke 11:32 – *the presence of the sinless Son of God should have prompted the needing repentance.*

The Farmer and the Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9 – the POINT of the Parable?

In Bible Prophecy and Parables,

the Fig Tree = the Nation Israel

Targeting *the people of Israel & their Leaders.*

His point: *All of Israel was being given their
final opportunity to REPENT and believe in
the Lord Jesus!*

What must we do before we repent?

The sooner we repent and the more often we confess, the less we will be sinning!

Spiritual Breathing

EXHALE: Confess your Sin
1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins...”

INHALE: Apply afresh the fullness of the Holy Spirit
Eph. 5:18 – “...be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 13:10-17

10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God.

Luke 13:10-17

14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him?"

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16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?” 17 As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

Luke 13:10-17 – Woman Bent Double

Describe the setting?

What do we know about this woman?

- *She was bent double for 18 years.*
- *Condition due to an evil spirit (demon)*

How serious? Was she born with the condition?

- *Quite serious – 18-year affliction.*
- *No, she was not born with the condition.*

Was her condition caused by a demon?

- v. 16 – Jesus affirms how it was caused

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Why Honor the Sabbath?

The purpose for Israelites to honor the Sabbath?

- *Two practices that set the Israelites apart from other nations: Circumcision and the Sabbath. It was these that identified them as the chosen people of YHWH.*

Why was it such a divisive issue with Jesus?

- *Luke repeatedly underscores that Jesus came to save all nationalities and races, not just the Jews.*
- *Jesus affirmed each of the 10 Commandments except the Fourth.*

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What pattern do you see developing in how Jesus interacts with Jewish Leaders?

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