

"DIVINE WARNINGS"

Luke 13:1-9 - Pastor Bruce French

What do divine warnings remind us of?

1. Divine warnings remind us of our _____.

Luke 13:1-5

Assertion #1...

- One sin is not _____ than another.

Action...

- Acknowledge _____.
- Invite _____.

2. Divine warnings remind us of our _____.

Luke 13:6-9

Assertion #2...

- God expects his _____ to grow.

Action...

- Evaluate _____.
- Identify _____.

Take Home Truth

Divine _____ come with limited _____.

Today's Core Belief:

Man & Sin: I believe all people are loved by God, and because of my sins, I need Jesus Christ as my Savior.
(from John 3:16)

Today's Action:

Complete the stated actions in the outline.



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus is speaking difficult words in regards to judgment. Once more, his audience then and now recoil at his words, mainly because he is addressing issues of the heart. *Today's Core Belief discussed: Man & Sin*

Read Luke 13:1-9

1. What two recent tragedies does Jesus highlight and what is his cautionary declaration (vv. 1-5)?
2. Why do bad things happen? Why are Christians not exempt from tragic circumstances?
3. Why is it dangerous to assume a person's tragedy is associated with sin (cf. John 9:1-3)? Moreover, how is it unwise to compare ourselves to others (e.g., we're not as bad as them)?
4. What is repentance and why does Jesus emphasize it (cf. Acts 26:20)? What are signs of true repentance in an individual (cf. 2 Cor. 7:9-10)?
5. Why does Jesus give a parable about a fig tree (vv. 6-9)? What does the fig tree represent (cf. Ps. 89:9-19; Isa. 5:1-7; Micah 7:1) and what is inferred in this parable about God the Father (cf. 2 Peter 3:9)?
6. How are Jesus' divine warnings relevant to you? Are you in right relationship with God and bearing fruit? How are you living for Christ and his gospel?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he forgives the penitent through Christ! Ask God to help you repent of your sins. Pray that you bear fruit and obey God in all things. Pray for others to repent and turn to God.

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“I Don't Care for Religion”

February 18, 2018 - Luke 13:1-9

After the recent fires in Ventura, many homes that survived were destroyed by flash flooding. Water that came down the hillside swept mud and debris into city streets, yards and homes. Tragically many people who did not heed the authority's warnings to evacuate suffered injury, and even death. As a result, city officials moved to make evacuations mandatory when warnings of flash floods are made in the future.

Scriptures are full of divine warnings to the earth's inhabitants. In these numerous passages God warns about the consequences of sin, he warns about being unprepared when Christ returns and he warns about the Day of Judgment, to name just a few. However, what is different about divine warnings, as opposed to civic warnings, is that God never makes them mandatory. He allows the citizens of his creation to actually choose whether they will heed his warnings.

In this passage, Jesus will pick up on his previous warning of “making peace” with God before it is too late by making an emphatic appeal to his listeners. For nine verses straight he will restate over and over the need for people to repent. Because the potential for sin is perpetual, this warning is applicable even to the believer.

