



THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE: The Story of the Barren Fig Tree

Wednesday Devotional (9-2-09)

Text: **Luke 13:6-9**

Introduction: This particular parable comes immediately after some of the most memorable words of Jesus on repentance (**Luke 13:3, 5**). Jesus had just learned that Pilate, the Roman governor, had killed some Galileans and “mingled their blood” along with their sacrifices. He uses this opportunity to call for individual repentance as well as national repentance. After this brief speech He tells the parable of the fig tree. . . .

Discussion :

I. The Farmer = God
Isaiah 5:1-7

II. The Tree = Christians
Jeremiah 2:21

III. The Keeper = Jesus
John 3:16

IV. The Fruit = Good Works
John 15:1-8

V. Lessons to Learn

A. The Nature of God
Matthew 21:43

B. The Second Chance
II Peter 3:7-15, Luke 13:3, 5, Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30

C. The Winning Result
Luke 14:26-27, Galatians 5:22-23

Conclusion: God is a loving, patient, and gracious God. But Christians are called to bear fruit. If we refuse to do what God has planned we will perish. In order to bear fruit we must completely surrender to the will of God and see our own potential. Are you ready?

WORD OF THE DAY = “Tree”