

Sermon Outline
The Grace of Repentance
Luke 13:1-9
The Third Sunday in Lent

I. Repentance and Destruction

- A. Roman Violence and Falling Towers
- B. This is the Inheritance of all -
 “unless you repent”
 - ? The Fig Tree uprooted
 - ? Eusebius on Jerusalem

II. Repentance and Life

- A. “Repentance” and Gospel Preaching – Luke 5:32, 24:47; Matthew 3:1-2, 8; 4:17; Acts 2:38, 20:21.
- B. Repentance and the Scriptures
 - 1. It is not mere remorse and sorrow, “Judas repented himself...” – Matthew 27:3
 - 2. It is a Radical Turning from Sin to God, from the horror and grief of sin’s great offense and consequence to the mercy and goodness of the Father – 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; Luke 15:18
 - 3. It is a Gift of God’s Grace and Kindness – Romans 2:4.

? ***Westminster Confession, Larger Catechism:***

Q. 76. What is repentance unto life?

- A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

? ***Westminster Confession of Faith:***

- XV. III. Although repentance be not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof, which is the act of God’s free grace in Christ; yet it is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.

C. Repentance and the Christian

- 1. Repentance is Part of Conversion, becoming a Christian, a fruit of the new birth. No repentance? No conversion – Acts 20:31.
- 2. Repentance remains a practice of the Christian. Just as we go on believing we must also go on in repentance – Revelations 2:5.
 - a. Turning from our fallenness when unveiled
 - b. Turning from our barrenness when revealed
- 3. Repentance is Gospel Preaching. “You can’t tell people to repent and believe. That’s the law.” “You can’t tell people to repent – to change their minds – turn from sin and follow Christ. That’s Arminian.”
 - ? No, silly. Preaching in a morgue: any results would be, well, miraculous!

III. Repentance and You

“Except ye, respect ye shall all likewise perish.”

It happened in 70 A.D.

They perished, just as Jesus prophesied

But there are things worse than death, matters more serious than the judgment of God on a nation in history – 2 Peter 3:9.