

Learning the Lesson of Calamity

(Scripture: Luke 13:1-5)

I. The Temple Calamity.

- A. The Jews are asking, "These people are worshiping God...confessing their sins...and bringing their offerings. How can such a bad thing happen to good people?"
- B. The question really is why does God lets anybody live?
- C. God is holy and righteous, we are sinners, and the wages of sin is death.
- D. The fact that you take another breath is because God is giving you the opportunity to repent.

II. The Tower Calamity.

- A. The tower fell, and people were crushed and died.
- B. It wasn't about sin.
- C. They were in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- D. Calamity is not God's way to single out people who are especially evil.

III. The True Calamity.

- A. The issue is not how people die or when they die or by what cause they die...but what happens after they die.
- C. If you've ever broken one of God's Laws one time, you're headed for hell.
- D. There's only one Savior and that's the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- E. Death will come to us all...and it could come in a calamity.
- F. Since you don't know when you're going to die, you need to be ready.