

Judgment and Repentance—Luke 13:1-9

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In the parable of the fruitless fig tree, the owner of the vineyard shows mercy to the tree by giving the tree every opportunity to bear fruit. In the same way, God in mercy withholds his judgment upon sinners so they can repent. But God will not stay His wrath forever. This parable calls us to examine our lives for the genuine fruits of repentance.

1. The Principle: God will mercifully suspend His judgment, but not forever.

2. The Application: Repent, or Perish.