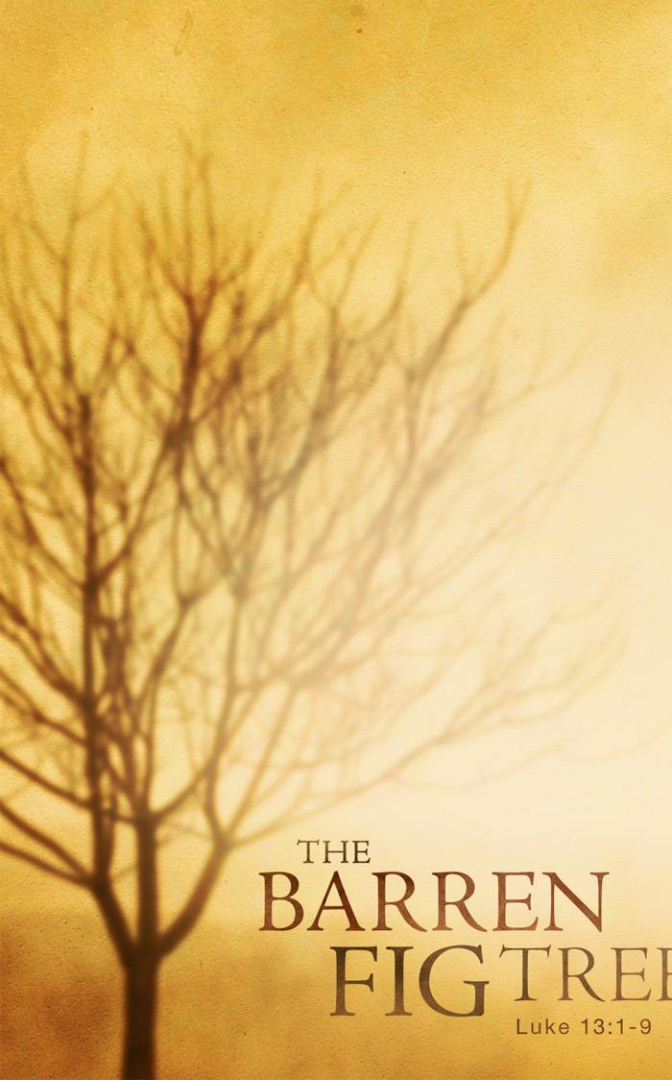


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Luke 13:1-9

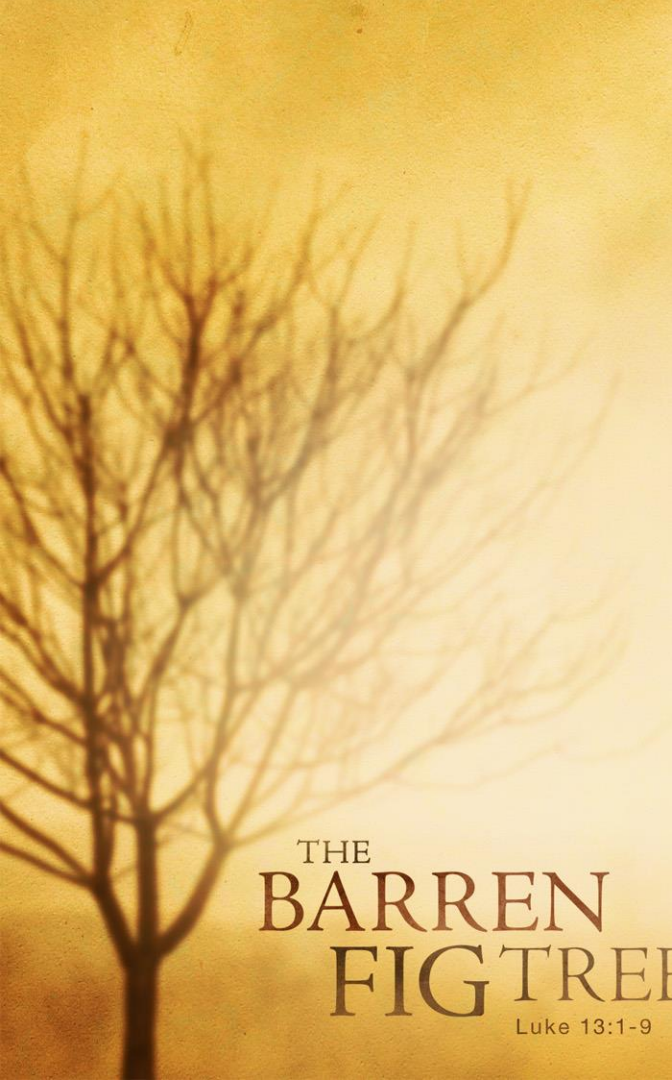


Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

John 1:48 (p 1221)

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Luke 13:1-9



And Judah and Israel dwelt
safely, each man under his
vine and his fig tree, from Dan
as far as Beersheba, all the
days of Solomon.

1 Kings 4:25 (p 390)

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Luke 13:1-9

The Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9 (p 1201)

The context of the parable

Luke 13:1-5 (p 1201)

The parable is about the
Jewish nation and God's
rejection of them



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Luke 13:1-9

THE FIG TREE

Expectation **Luke 13:6**

Accountability **Luke 13:7**

Cultivation **Luke 13:8**

Judgment **Luke 13:9**

The parable was aimed at Israel but becomes an application lesson for the Christian in every generation



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Luke 13:1-9

THE CHRISTIAN

Expectation

Salt has a purpose

Matthew 5:13 (p 1115)

Light has a purpose

Matthew 5:14-16 (p 1115)



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Luke 13:1-9

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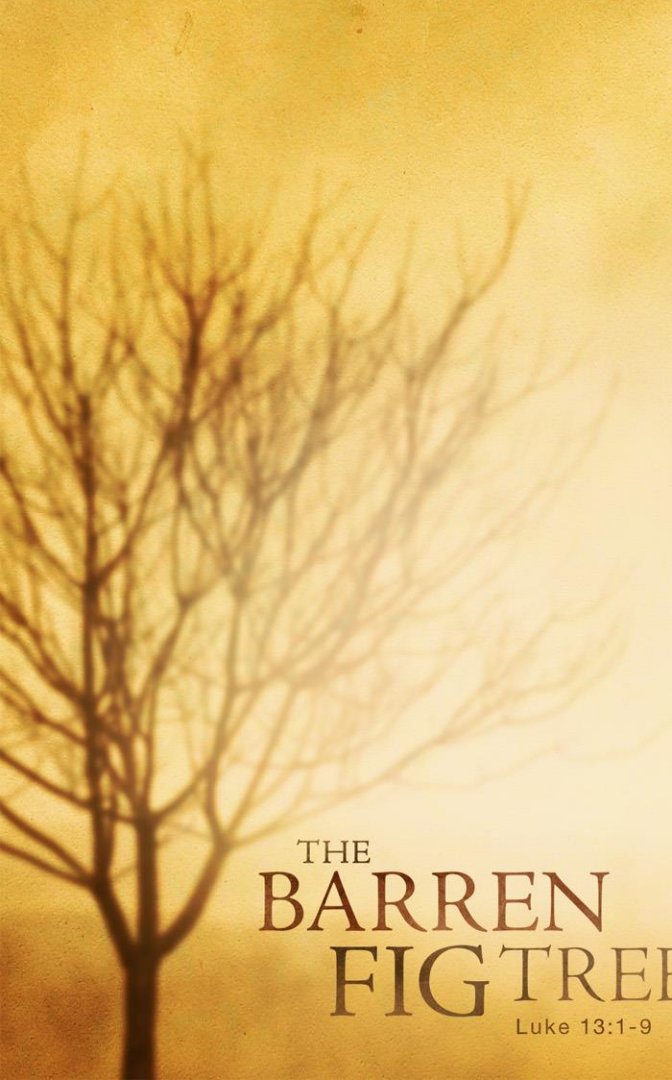
Accountability

The second part of the parable is a harsh reality

*“They are taking up room –
remove them”*

Jesus taught this in

John 15:1-8 (p 1242)



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Luke 13:1-9

THE CHRISTIAN

Cultivating

Dig around the tree and
fertilize it hoping for growth!

Like the parable of the soils

Luke 8:11-15 (p 1190)

Pruning John 15:2 (p 1242)

God prunes Hebrews 12:5-6 (p 1383)

We should 2 Cor. 13:5 (p 1336)

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Luke 13:1-9

THE CHRISTIAN

Judgment

If the tree bears fruit – good

If not – cut it down!

Expectations are individual

Matthew 25:14-30 (p 1143)



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Luke 13:1-9

“The individual is cast out into the night of condemnation, not because of something wrong he had done but because of something right he had left undone.”

(Neil R. Lightfoot)





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Why did God create the fig tree?



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Repentance

Luke 13:3 (p 1201)

Workers

Matthew 20:1 (p 1135)

Growing

2 Peter 3:17-18 (p 1397)