



UNFOLDING  
THE MYSTERIES  
OF THE KINGDOM:

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# A Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9



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Man

Vineyard Keeper

Fig Tree

Fruit (?)





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Emphasis: God's patience will end

- Seems to be focused toward Israel, but
- Don't miss the individual application
- We have no inherent right to salvation
- With privilege comes responsibility
- Divine judgement is more dreadful than physical judgement



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Consider the following:

- Leviticus 19:23–25 - Law concerning
- Isaiah 55:6-7, 2 Peter 3:9 - God's patience
- Application:
  - Matthew 21:43 - National
  - Hebrews 6:4-6 - Individual





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Consider the following:

- God's expectation
  - Matthew 3:10 - John's description
  - John 15:1-11 - Jesus' description
  - Rom 11.17-24 - Paul's description



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Consider the following:

- Bearing Fruit (John 15:1-11)
  - Galatians 5:22-23
    - Inward growth (cf. Matthew 21:43)
  - Matthew 9:36-38
    - Saving souls (cf. Luke 10:1-16)





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## Lessons:

- God is patient, but...
- He expects fruit
- He helps us bear fruit when we struggle, but...
- A time is coming when His patience will end
- Luke 13:3,5

