

The Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:1-9

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The Jewish nation was more highly _____ than any other nation. God had taken them out of Egypt, _____ them in the fertile land of Canaan, and _____ for and protected them with His wisdom and power. He naturally and _____ anticipated much _____ fruit. When God gives privileges, He has a right to _____ fruit.

A. The Necessity of Repentance

1. It was our Lord's _____ message as he began His earthly ministry.
2. Sorrow is _____ repentance. (2 Cor. 7:9)
 - a. There can be sorrow _____ repentance.
 - b. There can be _____ repentance without genuine, heartfelt sorrow. (Acts 2:38)
3. It is a change of _____.
 - a. About my spiritual _____.
 - b. About _____
 - c. About _____

B. The Specific Fig Tree

1. _____ character
 - a. It was a fruit tree, not an _____ tree.
 - b. It was in a _____ orchard.
2. Great _____
 - a. It was _____ and highly favored.

- b. It had been _____.
- c. It had the _____ of care and protection.

3. Barren _____
 - a. It was _____.
 - b. It completely failed in fulfilling its _____.

C. The Master's Grievance

1. _____ (3 years)
2. Worn out _____
 - a. Privileges _____ will be privileges _____.
 - b. _____ profession is not enough without _____ commitment.
3. _____ investigation
 - a. A fruitless tree is an unnecessary and _____ hindrance.
 - b. Who can _____ fruitlessness?

D. The Dresser's Intercession

1. He _____ for more grace.
2. He promises to _____ working.
3. He agrees that the _____ should be final.