

Parable Of The Fig Tree **Luke 13:6-9**

Consider the context of this parable - **Luke 11:53-13:5**

Repentance and submission to God

Time and again God had pleaded with Israel to worship Him alone, to serve Him according to command, yet they did not.

For centuries this nation had ignored His pleas.

Time to return was at hand, should have been fruit.

Remove it from taking up space

Keeper urged patience & more work - "Give it one more chance"

Christ and His Law were that chance for Israel.

The refusal of Israel to accept the Messiah brought about its destruction - **Mark 11:12-14; Matthew 21:18-19**

Israel was "cut down", cursed and withered

We are not Israel, but the principle should be applied even to us today.

God expects to receive fruit from His people - **Romans 7:4; John 15:2**

What is the fruit God Expects?

Often explained as conversions - **Romans 1:13**

Yet this is not the fruit upon which Paul gives focus

Contributing to needs of saints - **Romans 15:28; Philippians 4:17**

Good works and spiritual growth - **Colossians 1:9-12; Ephesians 5:7-10**

Praise to God - **Hebrews 13:15**

Works of Righteousness - **Hebrews 12:11; Colossians 3:12-15; Galatians 5:19-24**

Bear Fruit

While fruit will certainly include conversions, the focus of Scripture seems to be toward things that are born out in our own daily life.

Love, Care, Concern for others

Worship, Honor, Praise to God

The fruit expected of Israel was repentance and submission.

Same fruit is expected of us today.

Submit to the Lord. Live for Him

He is doing all to help you produce, He has provided what you need.

Take it and grow, or be cut down and cast aside

Bear Fruit for The Lord

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