

Luke 13:1-9; the parable of the
barren fig tree:

“... Then he said to the keeper of his
vineyard, 'Look, for three years I
have come **seeking fruit on this fig
tree and find none. Cut it down;**
why does it use up the ground?'

(2Peter 1:5-8)

2Peter 1:5-8, “... For **if these things are yours** and abound, you will be neither **barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

(**Col 1:10**, “... that you may **walk worthy** of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, **being fruitful** in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...”)

The fruit of the Spirit:

Gal 5:22, “... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”

(*Ephesians 5:9*, in all godliness and righteousness...)

Luke 13:6, "... He also spoke this **parable**: "A certain man had a **fig tree** (Israel) planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none..."

The power of the parable is in the evidence in Scripture!

(Jeremiah 3:12-13)

Jeremiah 3:12-13, “... Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: '**Return, backsliding Israel,**' says the LORD; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the LORD; 'I will not remain angry forever...'” (**Malachi**

1:6-9)

(They would not!)

Malachi 1:6-9, “... But now entreat God's favor, That He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, **Will He accept you favorably?**” Says the LORD of hosts...” (No, He would not!) [They would not; they too were cursed, **Malachi 2:2**] (**Luke 7:29-30**)

Luke 7:29-30, “... And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him...” (**Matt 23:37**)
(They would not repent!)

Matt 23:37, “ ... O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, the one who kills the
prophets and stones those who are
sent to her! How often I wanted to
gather your children together, as a
hen gathers her chicks under her
wings, but you were not willing!
(The story of the ages; **Matt 21:37**)

Matt 21:37, “... Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son...’”

[**Luke 13:1-3**, repentance is but the first step!]

2Peter 1:5-8, doing the work is our problem! **Matt 13:23**, the parable of the sower, one produced fruit!

Parables of those that were judged:

Matt 25:1-13, “the parable of 10 virgins...

Matt 25:14-26, the parable of the talents...

Matt 25:32-46, of the goats and sheep...

Luke 13:6-9, a closer look at the
barren fig tree; Israel!

1Kings 4:25, a sign of prosperity
2Peter 1:3, a cultivated tree

Ephesians 2:10, it had a purpose;
bear fruit; we must too!

Luke 13:7, "... Then HE said to the keeper of his vineyard, '**Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree** and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

(2Peter 3:9, God is longsuffering!)

Matt 24:44-51, “... the master of that servant **will come** on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth...”

[Judgment will come!]

Will you repent and then bear fruit for the LORD?