



SERMON OUTLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2016

“Who is to Blame?”

Luke 13:1-9

INTRODUCTION: *Ridiculous lawsuits against fast food restaurants (it's not my fault!) . . .*

I. GOD HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS

- A. So says Ezekiel 18:2-4 about “sour grapes”
- B. So says Jesus in the Luke 13:1-5 account of two tragedies
- C. Our responsibility is **not to find others to blame**, but to repent (Luke 13:3&5)

II. GOD SPECIALIZES IN GIVING “SECOND CHANCES”

- A. So says Jesus in the parable in Luke 13:6-9 about a fruitless fig tree
- B. Jesus is the parable’s “servant” who prevents our destruction
- C. Please note such beautiful passages like these that show how Jesus took our punishment upon Himself (2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13)
- D. God is not “fair”, He is merciful . . . and that is good news for us! (Romans 5:6-8)

CONCLUSION:

What do you do & say in response to a Saviour like that?

1. We repent of our own sin
2. We **don't put the blame on others**
3. We thank God for His mercy & forgiveness to us sinners
4. We show that mercy & forgiveness to others
5. We “*give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!*”