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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 3:1-3)
- 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!”*