

**Parables of Jesus – The Barren Fig Tree**  
**AM Service Luke 13:1-9 July 24, 2016**

**Introduction**

**The Rich Fool**

**The Big Idea - If you love the things of this world and are not rich toward God, you are a fool.**

**The Watchful Servants**

**The Big Idea – Let’s focus upon God and the return of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, instead of upon the things of this world.**

**The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant**

**The Big Idea – Are you an ungodly unbeliever, a religious unbeliever, or a faithful servant of the Lord?**

**Context – Six Events Involving the Multitudes**

1. Jesus’ teaching about signs (12:54–56)
2. Jesus’ illustration of the law court (12:57–59).
3. Jesus’ teaching on perishing (13:1–5).
4. Jesus’ parable of the fig tree (13:6–9).
5. Jesus’ healing of a woman (13:10–17)
6. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of God (13:18–21)

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**Jesus Calls on All to Repent**

**Common Belief**

**Common Illustrations**

1. Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices
2. Falling Tower of Siloam

**The Correction By Jesus**

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

**If fruit does not appear, judgment will come.**

**God is patient and gracious.**

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**Which are you?**

1. **A hard-headed sinner who will not repent**
2. **An unbeliever who claims to be a believer but bears no fruit**
3. **A fruit-bearing believer who will be blessed by God**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery