

Missing the Mark Luke 13

I. Accountability is Inevitable – 13:1-5

1. Some die because of human cruelty – 1-3
Don't judge them to be greater sinners
2. All will perish unless they repent
All are guilty and accountable to God
3. Some die in natural catastrophes – 4-5
Don't judge them to be greater sinners
4. Unless you repent you will perish
All are accountable before God

II. God is Gracious – 13:6-9

1. Sin is not always judged immediately – 6-7
Parable of fruitless fig tree
Did not produce any figs
Owner waited three years & ordered it cut down
Worker asked for another year to work
He would dig around it and fertilize it
If it still did not produce – cut it down
2. Without repentance sin must be judged
Don't misjudge the grace of God

III. Misjudging God's Mercy – 10-17

1. Jesus is teaching in a synagogue – 10
On the Sabbath He goes to the synagogue
2. Woman with infirmity for 18 years – 11
Bent over unable to stand erect
3. Jesus healed her infirmity – 12-13
Able to stand erect she glorified God
4. Ruler in anger chastised Jesus – 14
Six days for you to work not on Sabbath
5. Jesus spoke of God's mercy – 15-16
Law permits deeds of mercy on Sabbath

IV. Misjudging God's Kingdom – 18-21

1. Don't reject Kingdom in seed form – 18-19
There is great potential in a seed
Mustard seed grows into a large plant
To accept seed form requires faith
2. Leaven also demonstrates this truth – 20-21
Small amount of yeast has big impact
Don't miss God's work when it looks small

V. Misjudging Privilege – 22-30

1. Cities where Jesus ministered – 22-23
Thought that gave them entrance to Kingdom
Few, only privileged will get in
2. Access is by same gate for all – 24
If you don't enter the gate you will not get in
3. Must enter while gate is open – 25
4. Pleas of privilege go unanswered – 26-27
I don't know you – rejection brings judgment
5. Others enter - you will be left out – 28-30
Some you put last will be first

VI. Fearing Human Authority – 31-33

1. Pharisees warn of Herod's power – 31
Flee because Herod will kill you
2. Jesus is committed to His mission – 32-33
His ministry must continue
It will end in God's time and in Jerusalem

VII. Tragedy of Missing out – 34-35

1. Jesus grieved over Israel's loss
Israel the privileged nation, Jerusalem the city
Like their fathers reject God's message
2. Jesus said "I would gather you"
As a mother hen gathers her chicks
Under her wings as the place of safety
3. But they would not
It was their choice that shut them out
4. Jerusalem is left in desolation
Until the Lord returns