

Repent or Perish!

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Luke 13:1-5 ESV

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered them, "**Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?**

3 No, I tell you; but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?

5 No, I tell you; but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**"

- *Jesus teaches 2 different lessons by this conversation:*
 - *just because someone suffers affliction, does not mean they are being punished for sin*
 - *yet, these examples should remind us that judgment is coming, we must repent of our sins*

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

1 **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

2 **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

- **We must be absolutely honest: no blame-shifting, no excuses, no rationalizations.**

1 John 1:5-10 ESV

5 *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

6 *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

8 *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

10 *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

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3 For **when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

4 For day and night **your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.** Selah

- **We cannot admit our sins with stoic indifference. We must be genuinely sorry.**

Psalm 38:17,18 KJV

17 *For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.*

18 *For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.*

Psalm 34:18 ESV

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Isaiah 57:15 ESV

15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

- **Godly sorrow comes from one source - the presence of God.**

Genesis 3:8-10 ESV

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Isaiah 6:5 ESV

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Job 42:5-6 ESV

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Acts 9:3-5 ESV

3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

- **Genuine, godly sorrow is the catalyst and fuel for true change. With no sorrow there will be no change because there is no desperation to seek God for cleansing.**

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 ESV

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

5 **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah**

- We can never offset nor pay back our sins by doing good deeds. True repentance and God's forgiveness are our only hope to be free from our sins.

Psalm 51:16-17 ESV

16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Selah

- Only repentance from your sins brings such assurance of God's protection and deliverance, because only the repentant are right with God. Without repentance, you are the enemy of God.

Psalm 57:1 ESV A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

2 I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

Psalm 5:11-12 ESV

11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

- Once forgiven and reconciled to God, we start a life of discipleship and training (chastening) by the Lord.
- Sanctification requires teachable hearts that are quick to repent!

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!