

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

How To Keep From Being Destroyed

- I. **Repentance will keep you from perishing-Lk13:3**-There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinner above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?³I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.⁴Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?⁵I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.⁶He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.⁷Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?⁸And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:⁹And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
- A. Jesus said to keep that from happening to you, you need to repent-Ez18:30-I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin
- II. **God doesn't want people to perish so He gives them time to repent-2Pt3:9**-The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should **perish** (destroyed, ruin, lost) but that all should come to repentance
- A. There's a window of time where they're continuing to do evil but aren't being judged-Judgement is barreling towards them and it can be avoided if they repent-Rv2:21-I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.²²Behold I will cast her into a bed and them that commit adultery with here into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds
- III. **Many perish because they won't repent-Pr29:1**-He that being often reprov'd hardens his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy
- A. You make a lot of mistakes and still be okay, but you cannot be unrepentant when corrected and be okay-This is someone who was corrected multiple times and knowingly and willingly would not repent
- B. Repentance is the remedy for destruction-If you won't repent all that remains is judgment and that's not God's perfect will for anybody
- C. If judgement doesn't come people are in danger of ending up lost-1Co11:32-AM-When we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined [by undergoing His correction] so that we will not be condemned [to eternal punishment] along with the world-1Co5:5-To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- IV. **Sorrow to repentance, repentance to salvation means you didn't perish-2Co7:8**-Though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.⁹Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might

receive damage by us in nothing.¹⁰For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.¹¹For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.¹²Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

- A. Godly sorrow is sorrow of heart that comes when you recognize you missed it-It's a good sorrow; It should bother you if you miss it
- B. By repenting they cleared themselves-From judgment and punishment
- C. You have to care about people to correct them-Had he not corrected them the harm that came to them would have been by him

V. Victory found in repentance-Is30:1-Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:²That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!¹²Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:¹³Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.¹⁵For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.¹⁶But ye said, No...¹⁸And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

- A. Often the reason people can't get over is because they won't repent-Prayer, faith confessions, sowing seed does not replace repentance