Sermon Notes

Disregard "Levels" of Sin – Instead Repent and Be Ready Luke 13:1-9 (and 12:54-59)

I. No Levels of Punishment in Either Man-Made Disasters and Natural Disasters

A. Roman Governor Pilate killed Galileans while making sacrifice in the _____

"Are Galilean Jews ______ than Judean Jews?" Jesus was asked.

Why did it happen?

Jesus: "They are not worse, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

B. Jesus, "Do you think people killed by a falling tower are worse than others?"

Jesus: "They are not worse, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

C. All sinners deserve disasters.

II. Reality of God's Wrath Against All People

A. 9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written:

"None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.".....

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:9-12, 19-20)

B. No person can stand before God on his or her own _______.

III. Reality of God's Grace in His Delay to Judge

Why does not God just destroy all sinners _____? Because He desires to _____

Ezekiel 33:10-11: 10 "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

God's desires not death for the sinner, but that the sinner look to Him for ______.

2 <u>Peter</u> 3:8-10: 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 <u>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his</u> <u>promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should</u> <u>perish, but that all should reach repentance.</u> 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.