

What Does Repentance Mean?

Kingdom Principles – Part 4

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Mark 1:15 (ESV) and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Romans 1:21-23 (ESV) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

1. You must repent or _____

Luke 13:1-2 (ESV) There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?”

Luke 13:3 (ESV) No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

Luke 13:4-5 (ESV) 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

2. Don't presume on God's _____

Luke 13:6 (ESV) And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

Luke 13:7 (ESV) And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’

Luke 13:8-9 (ESV) And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

3. Jesus breaks _____ power

Luke 13:10-11 (ESV) Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

Luke 13:12-13 (ESV) When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

Luke 13:14-16 (ESV) But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, ... then the Lord answered him, ... And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

Weekly Healing Scripture

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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Intro. Why do you think that repentance is so important in the Bible?

What does Mark 1:15 tell us about the place of repentance in salvation?

How does everyone who is not a believer worship idols (Romans 1:21-23)?

In what ways is repentance always turning away from idols to worship the one true God?

How is repentance much more than admitting your sin and saying sorry to God?

1A. Why must we be careful to understand that suffering violence is not necessarily a result of a person's sin (Luke 13:1-2)?

1B. What should our response be when we hear of someone being killed by violence (Luke 13:3)?

1C. What is wrong with thinking that only bad sinners are killed by natural disasters (Luke 13:4-5)?

1D. Why is it imperative for a person not to put off repentance for a later time?

2A. What fruit does God expect to grow from a believer's life (Luke 13:6)?

2B. What are the causes of fruitlessness in a person's life (Luke 13:7)?

2C. Why is it important to realize that God's patience with unfruitfulness does not last forever (Luke 13:8-9)?

2D. What areas of your life should you be bearing fruit, but you are not?

3A. What is surprising to you about the cause of the woman's disability (Luke 13:10-11)?

3B. How did Jesus break the demonic bondage on her body (Luke 13:12-13)?

3C. Why is it important to understand that believers can be in demonic bondage (Luke 13:14-16)?

3D. How could you grow in recognizing demonic bondage and setting people free?