

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9

1. Relate the parable briefly.
2. Is it unusual for a fig tree to be planted in a vineyard?
3. What did the householder look for in his fig tree?
4. What was it he said to the dresser of his vineyard?
5. How long had he been looking for fruit on the fig tree?
6. Why did the householder want the fig tree cut down?
7. How long did the dresser propose to delay cutting it down?

8. What was it the dresser was going to do to the fig tree to make it fruitful?

9. What did the fig tree have to do to avoid being cut down?

10. What was the subject being discussed before Jesus taught this parable?

11. Who was the “certain man” or the person who planted the fig tree?

12. What is symbolized by the fig tree?

13. What is represented by the vineyard?

14. What was the fruit that the man expected to find?

15. What did he find instead of the fruit he expected?

16. Who is represented by the vine dresser who managed and worked on his property?

17. What is represented by the three years? Is it:

The ministry of Christ on Earth.

The three stages of revelation (Patriarchal, Mosaic, Christian).

The symbol of completeness, the full opportunities given to men to repentance and conversion.

18. What did the owner say to do with the fig tree and what would that represent?

19. For what did the vine dresser plead and for what purpose?

20. How did the dresser propose to bring the tree to fruition?

21. Would there be an end to patience and long suffering by the dresser?

22. In what way did the fruitless fig tree “cumber the ground”?

23. If the fruit tree represents Israel, what would cutting it down suggest?

24. Does this indicate that for nations or individuals, a time will come when those who have not repented will be cut off?