### Luke

## Chapter 13

1Well at the time, some people there were talking to Jesus about certain Galileans whose blood had been mixed with their sacrifices by [Pontius] Pilate.  
  
2So [Jesus] asked them:  
  
 ‘Do you think those Galileans suffered such things because they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?  
  
 3‘No! For I tell you this: If you don’t repent, you’ll be destroyed that same way!  
  
 4‘And what about those 18 people upon whom the tower at SiloAm fell and killed? Do you think they were worse sinners than all the others that live in JeruSalem?  
  
 5‘No! I tell you this: If you don’t repent, you’ll all be destroyed that same way!’  
  
6Then he gave them this parable:  
  
 ‘There was a man who had a fig tree in his vineyard,  
 And when he went there looking for fruit,  
 He wasn’t able to find any.  
  
 7‘So he said to the man who cared for the vineyard:  
  
 ‘For the past three years,  
 I’ve come looking for fruit from this tree,  
 But so far, I haven’t found any.  
 So, you should just cut it down,  
 For it is just wasting space.’  
  
 8‘But [the vinedresser] gave this reply:  
  
 ‘Master,  
 Leave it alone for just one more year,  
 While I’ll cultivate and fertilize it,  
 9Then, it may bear fruit in the future…  
 But if not, I’ll just cut it down.’  
  
  
  
10Well, [on another occasion], he happened to be teaching in one of the synagogues on a Sabbath 11where {Look!} there was a woman who’d endured a spirit of weakness for some 18 years… She was bent over and unable to straighten herself.  
  
12And when Jesus saw this, he called to her and said:  
  
 ‘Woman, you’re now free from this weakness.’  
  
13Then he laid his hands on her and she straightened up instantly and started glorifying God.  
  
14However, the chief of the synagogue resented this because Jesus had performed the cure on the Sabbath.  
  
So he said to the crowd:  
  
 ‘There are six days when work should be done. Come to be cured on those days, not on the Sabbath!’  
  
15But the Lord replied:  
  
 ‘Hypocrite! Don’t you untie your bulls and burros from their stalls and lead them out to drink on the Sabbath?  
  
 16‘Yet, this is a daughter of AbraHam, whom the Opposer has held tied {Look!} for some 18 years! So, isn’t it appropriate for her to be untied from this type of bondage on the Sabbath?’  
  
17Well after he said that, all those who opposed him were ashamed; and the crowd started rejoicing over all the glorious things that he was doing.  
  
18Then he went on to say:  
  
 ‘To what can the Kingdom of God be compared?  
 To what can it really be likened?  
  
 19‘It’s like the seed of the mustard  
 That a man had planted in his garden.  
 For it grew and became as tall as a tree,  
 In whose branches, the birds of the skies came to roost.’  
  
20And once again, he said:  
  
 ‘To what can the Kingdom of God be compared?  
 21It’s like a little fermentation  
 That a woman hid in three scoops of flour,  
 Until the mass rose and was filled with [the yeast].’  
  
22Well, he did all of this as he was teaching in city after city and village after village on his way to JeruSalem.  
  
  
23Then someone asked:  
  
 ‘Lord, will only a few be saved?’  
  
And he said to him:  
  
 24‘You must strive to enter through the gate that’s narrow,  
 For I tell you that many will try to get in,  
 But they’ll not have enough strength.  
  
 25‘So when the master gets up and latches the door;  
 If you find yourself on the outside,  
 Knocking and shouting:  
  
 ‘Lord, open to us!’  
  
 ‘He will say:  
  
 ‘I don’t know where you’re from!’  
  
 26‘And if you should say:  
  
 ‘But before you, we ate and we drank,  
 And you taught us along our main streets!  
  
 ‘Yet, he will then give this reply:  
  
 27‘No I don’t know where you’re from…  
 Get away from me, you unrighteous people!’  
  
 ‘Then, you’ll be crying and grinding your teeth  
 When you see AbraHam, IsaAc, and Jacob  
 With all the Prophets in the Kingdom of God,  
 As you are left on the outside.  
  
 29‘For they’ll come from the east, west, north, and the south  
 To recline at the table in the Kingdom of God.  
 30But {Look!} those who are last will be first,  
 And those who are first will be last.’  
  
  
31Well within that very same hour, some Pharisees came to him and said:  
  
 ‘You’d better get out of here and go, because Herod is looking to kill you!’  
  
32But he replied:  
  
 ‘Go tell the old fox that I’ll keep on casting out demons and healing today and tomorrow, and I’ll be finished on the third day.  
  
 33‘However, I’ll also keep moving [on towards JeruSalem] today, tomorrow, and the next day, since it wouldn’t be fitting for a Prophet to be destroyed outside of [that city].  
  
 34‘O JeruSalem, JeruSalem… You murderer of the Prophets and stoner of those being sent to you. How often I’ve wanted to gather your young like a hen brings her chicks under her wings! But you didn’t want it...  
  
 35‘So look! Your house has now been taken from you!  
  
 ‘And I’m telling you that you won’t see me again until [you’re ready to] proclaim:  
  
 ‘Praised is the one coming in Jehovah’s Name!’ [paraphrase of Psalm 118:26]