

Sunday Morning | March 20, 2016



PRAYER IN EVIL DAYS

LUKE 13:1-9 (NASB)

QUESTION: What thoughts should guide our prayers?

I. THE DANGEROUS DAYS OF OUR LIVES

INSIGHT: The lives of people are fragile and subject to end without warning.

II. PEOPLE DON'T DIE PREMATURELY JUST BECAUSE OF SIN.

INSIGHT: The people didn't want to know about death but about calamity.

INSIGHT: Calamity happens to good and bad people.

INSIGHT: The real calamity of men and women in every generation is not how they die, nor by what cause, but that they die without repenting and thereby face the terrible judgment of a holy God and perish eternally in a burning hell!

INSIGHT: You can't stop calamity, and the greatest need is not to keep men from dying once but dying twice!

III. JESUS' LESSON FROM THE FIG TREE

INSIGHT: Everyone is living on borrowed time.

INSIGHT: Every fruitless life, like the fig tree, is living on borrowed time.

INVITATION: Here's how Jesus tells us to pray for Lufkin every day:

1. Calamity is universal.
2. Everybody's moving toward death.
3. People don't control when, where or how they will die.
4. Judgment is the first event of eternity.
5. The only hope is faith in Jesus Christ and repentance toward God the Father.