



## IT'S A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

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### THREE STORIES & THREE PARABLES TIED TOGETHER

The key to understanding these passages is in seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ of those involved:

- The most \_\_\_\_\_ perspective was that of the Jewish leadership and of most of the people.
- The often \_\_\_\_\_ perspective is seen in the viewpoint of Jesus, the Son of God.

Our approach should be to assume that our perspective is \_\_\_\_\_ and distorted by the \_\_\_\_\_ and by our own sin.

#### ① Massacre of the Galileans and the Falling Tower:

- Faulty Premise: These victims were \_\_\_\_\_ sinners than others.
- Wrong Thinking: Your suffering in life is directly proportional to your \_\_\_\_\_, just as your prosperity is proportional to your \_\_\_\_\_.

- Proper Premise: Jesus was speaking to the nation of \_\_\_\_\_; specifically that generation of Israelites which had seen God's Messiah and \_\_\_\_\_ Him as King.
- Right Thinking: Let us not bother to \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of others; let us \_\_\_\_\_ of our own sins, and quickly!

#### ② The Parable of the Fruitless Fig Tree:

- Understanding the Parable: Jesus used this parable to underscore the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel to live up to God's standards and expectations and the \_\_\_\_\_ of its destruction.
- Application: As the time of His death drew \_\_\_\_\_, so did the time of Israel's destruction; yet God's \_\_\_\_\_ was still being offered in that moment.

#### ③ The Healing of the Woman with a Disabling Spirit:

- Faulty Premise: The religious leaders felt that they were righteous, \_\_\_\_\_ of divine blessings.
- Destructive Thinking: They not only \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God (seen in the leader's response to the woman's healing), they \_\_\_\_\_ it.

#### ④ The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven:

- Explaining the Parables: The rejection of Messiah by Israel has brought \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles.