

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
MAY 18, 2025

**PATIENCE, PRAISE, AND PRODUCING FRUIT**  
**LUKE 13:6-9**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

The Lord's patience in seeking fruit from His people should move you to praise His mercy and produce spiritual fruit without delay.

- I. The Lord Is Patient (v.6-7)
- II. Praise His Mercy (v.8)
- III. Produce Spiritual Fruit (v.9)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. How might you “use up the ground” (v.7)? What insight does this give into the life that God rightly demands?
- 2. How does God “dig” and “fertilize” the lives of His people? Give examples from Scripture of how God did this in certain people’s experience.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Why must prayer for grace be followed by diligent use of the means of grace?
- 4. Boys & girls – what does it mean for you to produce Christian fruit? Why do you need Jesus to do this?

**FURTHER READING:** Isa 5:1-7; Luke 3:9; Phil 2:13

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<sup>1</sup> Q 1 & 2 from Gerald Bilkes, *Glory Veiled and Unveiled*, p.97