

A person in a long, light-colored robe with a blue sash is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the ocean and sky. The person's shadow is cast on the sand. The background shows gentle waves and a cloudy sky.

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

THE PATIENCE OF GOD AND THE URGENCY OF MAN

Luke 13:1-9

Main idea

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- Human tragedies remind us that God's patience has an end
- God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance

What is highlighted in both of these tragedies?

- Each person is guilty
- Each person is going to die

Jonathan Edwards

Your wickedness makes you as it were heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards hell; and if God should let you go, you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf...

Jonathan Edwards

...and your healthy constitution, and your own care and prudence, and best contrivance, and all your righteousness, would have no more influence to uphold you and keep you out of hell, than a spider's web would have to stop a falling rock. Were it not for the sovereign pleasure of God, the earth would not bear you one moment

What does Jesus tell us to do in the face of this reality?

- Repent
 - Proverbs 28:13
 - Revelation 3:19

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John Bunyan

"Thus, I say, deals the Lord Jesus oftentimes with the barren [Christian]; He diggeth about him, He smiteth one blow at his heart, another blow at his lusts, a third at his pleasures, a fourth at his comforts, another at his self-conceitedness: thus he diggeth about him. This is the way to take bad earth from the roots, and to loosen his roots from the earth. Barren fig-tree! See here the care, the love, the labor, and way, which the Lord Jesus, the Dresser of the vineyard, is fair to take with thee, [so that you may be fruitful]"