

## **WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN**

### **LUKE 13: 1 – 9**

#### **I. HERESY PROBLEMS: GOODNESS & INDIVIDUALISM**

- a. Depravity of Man  
Gen. 3: 16-19 Man is cursed  
Rom. 5: 12-19 Curse is passed on  
Eph. 2: 1-3 Natural to be evil
- b. Corporate Pattern of the Covenant  
Gen. 12: 1-3 From families to nations  
Matt. 25: 31-46 Judgement begins with nations  
Deut. 28: 1-14; 15-57 Corporate blessings & curses
- c. Creation to Re-Creation is first corporate, then individual  
So is sin and its effects: Cause and Effect in Created Order  
Note: God does not cause sin or its effects  
The corporate nature of a fallen world 'falls' on a society

#### **II. JESUS ADDRESSES THE UNFAIRNESS OF LIFE**

Main Text – Luke 13 – Misplaced amazement

Correct response: “Why didn’t the tower fall on me?”

#### **III. CLOSING CONSIDERATIONS**

Our religious arrogance questions God, instead of man

God’s holiness is never compromised. So, if He said He would not break covenant, He meant it!

When tragedy happens, give thanks for mercy, then face it.