

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 13:1-9*

SERMON: *The Dangers in Church Discipline & Their Remedies*

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INTRODUCTION: **A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A JUDICIAL COMMITTEE** (+36; note: parents, etc.)

I. THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE CERTAINTY OF FINAL JUDGMENT (Lk.13:1-9)

A. TWO EVENTS: CERTAIN JUDGMENT (1-3; 4,5; see 7b,9b; see Dt.19:15)

B. THREE YEARS: ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY (7; see Dt.19:15; Mk.10:34; see Rom.2:4)

C. NURTURE & TIME: GRACE UPON GRACE (7a; see Jn.1:16; 2Chr.36:15,16f)

II. PATIENCE WITH SINNERS (Lk.13:6-9; see Ex.34:6)

A. GOD (Num.14:18; Neh.9:17; Ps.86:15; 103:8f; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jon.4:2; Nah.1:3; Rom.2:4; 2Pt.3:9)

B. MAN (His image bearers; Prov.14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; Jms.1:19; see 2Tm.2:24f; 4:2)

III. THE DANGERS IN CHURCH DISCIPLINE (Dt.5:32; note: parents, employers, civil government, etc.)

A. TOO LITTLE (1Sam.2:22f; 3:13; 1Kngs.1:5,6; see Heb.12:5f)

B. TOO LATE (1Sam.2:22f; 3:13)

C. TOO MUCH (Gen.4:23; see Eph.6:4; Col.3:21; see Ex.21:24; Lev.24:20; Dt.19:21)

D. TOO SOON (Lk.13:7-9; see 2Chr.36:15,16f; 2Tm.2:24f; 4:2; see Mt.7:3f; 18:15f; see 1Tm.5:19,20; Dt.19:15)

IV. THE REMEDIES FOR THESE DANGERS

A. APPLY THE MEANS OF GRACE (Lk.13:8; see 2Chr.36:15; Acts 2:42; [Neh.1:4; Dan.9:3; Acts 13:3]; [1Sam.1:11; Acts 18:18])

B. BEGIN AS SOON AS AWARE (Lk.6:42; 17:3f; Mt.18:15; Rom.15:14)

C. AS CLEAR & IN MEASURE & INCREASING AS NEEDED (Dt.19:15; 1Tm.5:19,20 & Ex.21:23-25; 26f & Lev.26:18,21,24,28; Mt.18:15f)

D. BE PATIENT (Lk.13:7-9; see Ex.34:6, etc.; Jms.1:19; see 2Chr.36:15,16f; 2Tm.2:24f; 4:2; see Mt.7:3f; 18:15f; see 1Tm.5:19,20; Dt.19:15)

V. FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT: PRAY

A. FOR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES (Ps.119:34,73, etc.; Lk.24:45)

B. FOR WISDOM TO APPLY THEM FOR GOD'S GLORY & MAN'S GOOD (2Chr.1:10f; Col.1:9; Jms.1:5; see Heb.13:18,17; 1Tm.2:1f)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)