LUKE 13; August 30; Where Lies Assurance of Salvation?

ANALYSIS:

1. What lesson did Jesus say the people should learn from Pilate's slaughter of the Galileans and the death of 18 when the tower of Siloam fell?
2. What would save the fig tree from being cut down?
3. Who had bound a woman for 18 years with a spirit of infirmity?
4. Why were Jesus' adversaries ashamed for criticizing him for healing on the Sabbath day?
5. Jerusalem's sin of killing God's prophets would bring what judgment?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jesus told of many who would be denied entrance into the kingdom of God, although they would argue that they had been with Jesus and He had preached to them. The determining factor will be, "I know you not, whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity" (vs 25, 27). These words echo what Jesus will speak to some religious workers who have prophesied in his name, cast out devils and done many wonderful works, "I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Mt 7:23). How can I have assurance the Lord knows me? See Peter's answer below from II Peter 1:5-11.

Assurance of salvation must not be based solely on one's association with Christian people, participation in a Bible church or ministry, mere confession of faith in Christ as Savior or adherence to sound doctrine in the strictest sense of the word. The Apostle Peter spells assurance by his exhortation that a professing Christian be "giving all diligence, add to your faith: virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity." By these fruits of a regenerate nature you can "make your calling and election sure" (II Pet 1:5-11).

HELP:

- 1. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (vs 3, 5).
- 2. If it bears fruit (v 9).
- 3. Satan (v 16).
- 4. Jesus declares them hypocrites because they all took their ox or ass and led them to water on the Sabbath day, and healing this daughter of Abraham was a similar act of service (vs 15-17). But they had forbade the latter.
- 5. Behold, your house is left to you desolate (v 35). God left their temple and their nation.