

Luke 13:1-5 **Worse Sinners – Degrees of Sin**

¹ There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ In Humanistic thought, all sins are at differing levels of offense and therefore the punishment has differing degrees of severity according to the level of damage caused.
- ✚ God does not look at sin that way. With God, disobedience is disobedience and all disobedience will result in death.
 - ✧ Therefore, **deceit** is rated equal with **murder, idolatry, sorcery, sexual immorality, abominations, cowardice, and unbelief.** [Revelation 21:8, 22:15]
 - ✧ Eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden and telling a lie are equal to mass murder as is unbelief. They all will place a person in danger of the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all liars** shall have their part in the **lake which burns with fire and brimstone**, which is the **second death.**" NKJV (bold highlight added)

- ✧ Every one has been made guilty of sin, so God is free to show mercy to **those who believe**, and to destroy the rest. [Romans 3:9-19, 11:30-32, Galatians 3:22]
- ✧ **Repentance** is the **first act of belief**, as one turns back to God in obedience as Jesus said: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." [Luke 13:3, 5]