## Luke 13:6-9 **Unfruitful Fig Tree**

<sup>6</sup> He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "NKJV"

## Facts Revealed:

- The unfruitful Fig Tree is a picture of the Christian believer.
  - ♦ God is looking for fruit in the lives of His Children.
  - ♦ The Fruit of the Spirit would be expected. [Galatians 5:22-23]
  - ♦ Jesus is pleading for time to allow growth to maturity and fruitfulness.
  - ♦ The life span allowed is the time for feeding and watering.
  - ♦ If there is no fruit the Christian will be cut down and cast into the fire along with the unbelievers. [Matthew 7:15-20, 13:23, John 15:1-6]
  - ♦ There is a time delay between the search for fruit and the final judgment for fruitlessness.
  - ♦ This is a similar message as the one of the servants assigned a task to do and the accountability and judgment at the time of the return of the Master. [Matthew 24:45-51, 25:14-30, Luke 12:35-48]