<u>**Sermon Notes**</u>

Insights from Luke

#51 – "When the Trumpet of God Blows, People Are
Called to Listen" – Luke 13:1-9

I.   Introduction

A. The blowing of trumpets.

1. Rev. 8:1, 2, 8-12; 9:20-21

2. Calls to repentance

3. Catastrophes – Titanic, 9/11

4. Cathedral service on the nation mourned 9/11

a. Distortion of Luther's Hymn "A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God".

b. Church attendance increased briefly, but quickly
receded as the nation continued to slip into progressive
secularism.

c. When the trumpet is not heeded, the spiritual destruction
increases.

B. The stage is set for Jesus' words about repentance.

1. Luke 13:1-9

II. Exposition

A. Luke 13:1

1. First of two forms of evil.

2. Galileans were known for being independent.

3. Pilate was known for brutality.

B. Luke 13:2-3

1. Wrong impression – a tragic death meant a life as a worse
sinner.

2. "No," verse 3. In the emphatic position.

a. Herod judged – Acts 12:21-23

1. Job counseled with the same wrong impressions.

a. Job 4:7.

3. Galileans were not worse sinners. Everyone is under
God's judgment.

4. Jesus may be referring to AD 70.

C. Luke 13:4-5

1. Nothing is known about this tower.

2. The hearers were in no better place.

3. "Perish" – not a reference to death in this life, but rather
to the final judgment in the next life.

4. Repentance means a change of mind and change in our
W_____.

5. Jesus has been warning all along. Luke 12:40, 37-38, 46, 48,
57-59; 13:3, 5.

D. Luke 13:6-7

1. The famous parable.

2. Waiting does come to an end. Fruit is the goal.

E. Luke 13:8-9

1. A stay of execution. The patience of God is in view.

a. II Peter 3:9

III. Points for Reflection.

A. God is sovereign over evil.

B. Calamity of any magnitude is always a reminder to pause
and review your spiritual life.

C. The real tragedy in life is not the deaths reported in the
headlines but rather that we are all going to die.

D. Repentance <u>always</u> means a change of thinking which
results in a changed life.

E. God expects the tree of our life to produce fruit.