



Daily Verse and Comment

[Luke 13:7](#)

(7) 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?’

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The *keeper* represents [Jesus](#) as Intercessor, pleading to [God](#) to spare His people. The "certain man"—the Father—had one purpose when he planted his fig tree in the vineyard: to gather fruit at the appointed time. After all the care, time, and money he had spent on it, he anxiously looked forward to fruit, but he is disappointed. After three years, he is positive the tree is barren, so he orders it cut down, perhaps to plant something in its place.

Similarly, God sought by example, miracle, teaching, and sacrifice to produce fruit in Israel—in fact, He expected it. Sometimes there were signs of encouragement, but in the end, Israel totally rejected Him ([John 1:11](#)). He came anticipating fruit from Israel and met with firm resistance. Where He looked for [faith](#), He found disbelief. Israel, content with all the benefits of the sunshine and showers of divine benevolence, refused to produce fruit for God. As spiritual Israelites, Christians are now likewise expected to produce fruit ([Romans 7:4-6](#); [John 15:1-8](#); [Proverbs 12:12](#)).

— Martin G. Collins

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