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**11. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.**

**12. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

**13. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**

**14. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.**

**15. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite. Doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?**

**16. And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?**

**17. And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.**

**Commentary:**

**Luke 13:10, And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.**

I. Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath day.

A. This was the last time in the book of Luke that Jesus is said to have taught in a synagogue.

B. This is not to say this was the last time Jesus taught in a synagogue. This is simply the last time Jesus' teaching in a synagogue is specified in the book of Luke.

**Luke 13:11, And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.**

I. A woman who had an infirmity, had been crippled for 18 years was in the synagogue.

A. She was bowed together, bent over and could not lift herself up, straighten up at all.

B. Satan had bound this woman. Her condition was of the nature of demon possession.

C. Her problem had deep spiritual roots.

**Luke 13:12, And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

I. When Jesus saw the woman he told her, "You are loosed from your infirmity." NIV

A. Jesus knew this woman's needs and provided them.

B. He knows our needs and is able to meet them as well.

C. This woman did not have to ask Jesus for his help. He saw the need and responded without having to be asked.

II. When we see people in need we must respond as Jesus responded; that is, be willing to help all we can.

**Luke 13:13, And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**

I. Jesus laid his hands on her and she was **immediately** made straight.

II. The woman praised God for this miracle of healing.

A. She knew the **source** of her healing.

B. She was **grateful** for the blessing God had bestowed upon her.

III. Jesus' miracles were performed;

A. authoritatively.

B. effortlessly.

C. instantaneously.

**Luke 13:14, And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.**

I. The ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day.

A. The synagogue ruler was greatly concerned with ritualistic human Sabbath rules.

B. He had little concern about the unfortunate woman who now had been restored to health.

II. The ruler of the synagogue said it was not right for men to work, including healing the sick, on the Sabbath.

A. He could quote, **albeit misinterpreted**, book, chapter, and verse for what he was saying.

B. He was devoid of true understanding of the love of God and neighbor which were the first and greatest commandments of the law.

C. The ruler of the synagogue in essence said, “Close all hospitals on the Sabbath. They can wait until Monday to have their heart attacks treated.”

**Note:** The ruler of the synagogue was likely the head of the 10 member board which controlled the synagogue. (Charles L. Childers, Beacon Bible Commentary, 1964)

D. The woman who had been healed on the Sabbath and all her family and friends were rejoicing.

E. The legalistic ruler of the synagogue was filled with indignation, anger and resentment.

F. Which is the way, the mind and spirit of Christ?

G. Many in positions of religious leadership do not have a true understanding of the will of God choosing to bind their own opinions instead of the will of God.

**Luke 13:15, The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite. Doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?**

I. Jesus called the ruler of the synagogue and others who shared his views “hypocrites.”

A. “Consistency, thou art a jewel.”

B. The very people who condemned Jesus for healing on the Sabbath worked to water their livestock on the Sabbath.

C. Was watering livestock more important than healing a handicapped woman?

D. What manner of perversion of scripture was this?

II. Remember that Jesus kept all God’s Sabbath regulations perfectly.

A. What he did not do was to keep human traditions which the Jews bound as mandatory, obligatory in regard to Sabbath observance.

B. Divine law must be obeyed! Human traditions are often confused with divine laws. We must not confuse one with another.

**Luke 13:16, And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?**

I. If you water your livestock on the Sabbath how can you possibly find fault with me for healing this daughter of Abraham who had been afflicted by the devil for 18 years? This was Jesus' question.

A. The religious leaders would do more on the Sabbath for animals than for a daughter of Abraham.

B. These religious bigots were really mixed up, messed up, insincere hypocrites!

**Luke 13:17, And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.**

I. By saying these things following this wondrous miracle of healing,

A. Jesus put his enemies to shame. They were humiliated. NIV

B. All the multitude rejoiced for all the wonderful, glorious things Jesus had done.

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### Questions

1. Jesus was teaching in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. A woman was there who had an \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_. She was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and could not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Jesus told her, “\_\_\_\_\_, thou art \_\_\_\_\_ from  
\_\_\_\_\_.” Jesus laid his  
\_\_\_\_\_ on her and she was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
said, “There are \_\_\_\_\_ days in which men ought to  
\_\_\_\_\_ : in them come and be \_\_\_\_\_, and not on  
the \_\_\_\_\_.”

5. What do you think of what the ruler of the synagogue said? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “You \_\_\_\_\_.  
Does not each one of you on the \_\_\_\_\_ loose his  
\_\_\_\_\_ or his \_\_\_\_\_ from the  
\_\_\_\_\_, and lead him away to the \_\_\_\_\_?”



7. “Ought not this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, whom  
\_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
be \_\_\_\_\_ from this \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
\_\_\_\_\_?”

8. When Jesus said this his \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_:  
and all the \_\_\_\_\_ for all the  
\_\_\_\_\_ things that were done by him.