

The Miracles of Jesus

Straighten Up and Praise God

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." ¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

1. A Crippling Condition

▼ *She was captive*

¹¹ a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit

▼ *She was crippled*

¹¹ She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

▼ *She was chronic*

¹¹ for eighteen years.

▼ *She was coming to church*

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there

2. A Caring Christ

▼ *Jesus was sermonizing in the synagogue*

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,

▼ *Jesus saw her and summoned her*

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward

▼ *Jesus spoke to her*

¹² "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

3. A Comprehensive Cure

▼ *Jesus put his hands on her*

¹³ Then he put his hands on her,

▼ *Jesus poured his healing into her*

¹³ and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

4. A Cruel Controversy

▼ *The leader recited a ridiculous religious rule*

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

▼ *The Lord rebuked that rotten ruler*

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

▲ *Jesus declared her spiritual status* — a daughter of Abraham

▲ *Jesus described the satanic stronghold* — whom Satan has kept bound

▲ *Jesus divulged his sympathy for her suffering* — bound for eighteen long years

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated,

▼ *The liberated lady rejoiced*

¹³ she straightened up and praised God.

▼ *The logical laity rejoiced*

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Messages from the Miracle

1. The LORD sees every person who has come to church today.
2. You can be bent over on the inside when you're straight up on the outside.
3. If you're God's child, you should be free to straighten up and praise God.
4. Jesus is the great liberator and the great lifter – look to him today.