**YOU CAN BE FREE**

**Luke 13:10-17**

[**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-10/)**And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.**

[**11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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*.**

[**12**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-12/)**And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

[**13**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-13/)**And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**

[**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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.**

[**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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?**

[**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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?**

[**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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.**

**INTRO:**

**Illustration: In 1863, the headlines read, “Slavery Legally Abolished!” and yet something amazing took place. The greater majority of the slaves in the South went right on living as though they were not free.**

**One Alabama slave said this about the new law. “I don’t know nothin’ ’bout Abraham Lincoln cep they say he set us free, and I don’t know nothin’ ’bout that neither.”**

**How sad that is because a war was fought. A document major bill was signed, and slaves were legally set free. Still most continued to live out their years, and many of their children lived some of their years, in fear, saying, “I don’t know nothin’ ’bout freedom.” In a context of freedom, slaves chose to remain slaves, though they were legally freed. Even though emancipated, they kept serving the same master throughout their lives.**

**In comparison, our Savior went to great lengths and gave His life just so the whole world could be set free from sin and the slavery of Satan. Still the majority of people who could be free choose to live in slavery to sin and to Satan.**

**\*\*The point I want to make today is that YOU CAN BE FREE!**

**\*\*Let’s look at this woman and her story to see how the Lord set her free.**

**I. NOTICE THE TORMENT SHE ENDURED**

**Luke 13:11a And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years,**

**\*\*Infirmity: ASTHENEIA (A Stay Nay Uh) and it means Weak in Strength and Weak in Soul**

 **A. Her Self Structure was Afflicted**

**Luke 13:11b there was a woman which . . . was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.**

 **1. Daily she was Bent in her Stature**

 **2. Daily she was Battling in her Struggle**

 **a. She was Enslaved and it was a Battle.**

 **b. She was Exhausted and it was a Battle.**

 **3. Daily she was Broken in her Strength**

 **B. Her Soul’s Spirit was Attacked**

**Luke 13:11 said she had a SPIRIT of infirmity**

**\*\*She was fighting a battle within her own soul and spirit.**

 **1. Her Soul was Drained.**

 **2. Her Spirit was Devastated.**

 **3. Her Situation was Depressing.**

 **C. Her Social Standing was Aggravated**

 **1. She must have been Rejected**

 **a. She could have easily felt Unwanted.**

 **b. She could have easily felt Unloved.**

 **2. She must have been Reduced**

 **a. Society could have Discarded Her.**

 **b. Society could have Degraded Her.**

 **c. Society could have Demonized Her.**

**\*\*This ailment had to effect her in Stature, in Spirit, and in Society. She was seeking for the Lord’s help though!**

**II. NOTICE THE TRAILS SHE EMBRACED**

 **A. She is in the Family**

**Luke 13:16** [**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-16/)**And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, . . . be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?**

 **1. She’s God’s Child**

 **a. We see she’s a Daughter in the Bloodline.**

 **b. We see she’s a Descendent in the Bloodline.**

 **2. She’s God’s Christian**

 **a. She is a Daughter that is fighting Satan.**

 **b. She is a Descendent that is fighting Sickness.**

**\*\*When you are in the family of God, it does not keep you from having to fight Satan and fight Sickness at some point or another.**

 **B. She is in the Faith**

**\*\*We see her faith because we see her struggle just to get to the house of God to where Jesus was; that shows us . . .**

 **1. Her Faith believed Jesus was her only Hope!**

 **2. Her Faith believed Jesus was her only Help!**

**\*\*Despite her problem she still embraced her Family and her Faith!**

**\*\*When you are going through trials, embrace the trails that leads you to God’s Family and Godly Faith!**

**III. NOTICE THE TOUCH SHE EXPERIENCED**

 **A. She Received a Compassionate Word**

 **1. Notice the One Word that Spoke to Her Spirit**

**Luke 13:12 shows us that the Lord called her “Woman.” Society probably looked at her as a Pest and a Problem for the eighteen years she was sick.**

 **a. Jesus sees she is a Person.**

 **b. Jesus sees she isn’t a Problem.**

**\*\*The world will not have compassion on you or value you, but the Lord will see you and have compassion and value you!**

 **2. Notice the Only Words that Spoke to Her Slavery**

**Luke 13:12 “thou art loosed from thou infirmity”**

 **a. Suddenly she is free from Sickness.**

 **b. Suddenly she is free from Sorrow.**

 **c. Suddenly she is free from Satan.**

**\*\*I don’t know what has you bound. I don’t know what kind of past you are fighting. I don’t know what kind of emotional demons that haunt you day by day. I don’t know about the valleys and the burdens you face, but I know Jesus does! I know that if you will come to Him at His call, He can speak the words of liberty that will set you free from all that enslaves you. He didn’t save you to leave you in bondage. He saved you to set you free, and you can be free today!**

 **B. She Received a Comprehensive Work**

 **1. Jesus Allowed the Cure**

 **a. No longer was she Deformed.**

 **b. No longer was she Devastated.**

 **c. No longer was she Depressed.**

 **d. No longer was she Down.**

 **2. Jesus Attacked the Cause**

**\*\*What caused her problem anyway?**

**Luke 13:16 whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond**

 **a. He called out Satan as the Cause**

 **b. He called out Slavery as the Cause**

 **3. Jesus Addressed the Critics**

 **a. The Ruler Rebuked the Work of the Lord, and the Ruler is said to be a Hypocrite!**

**Luke 13:14-15** [**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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.** [**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-15/)**The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite,**

 **\*\*His Rituals came before the Need!**

 **\*\*His Religion came before the Need!**

 **b. The Rivals Rejected the Work of the Lord, and the Rivals is shown to be Humbled.**

**Luke 13:17** [**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-13-17/)**And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed:**

**\*\*Sometimes we can let our silly and stupid independent Baptist traditions and ways become so important that we end up rebuking and rejecting the Lord’s work! We should be ashamed of ourselves!**

**IV. NOTICE THE TRANSFORMATION SHE ENJOYED**

 **A. She was Healed Externally**

 **1. She got Straight and Free**

 **2. She got Strength and Free**

**\*\*When the Lord looks your way and calls for you, make every effort to get to Him because He can Straighten you and Strengthen you!**

 **B. She was Heal Emotionally**

**Luke 13:13 we see that she “glorified God.”**

**\*\*When she began to glorify God, it meant that . . .**

 **1. All was well in her Spirit**

 **2. All was well in her Soul**

**\*\*Some folks have not glorified God and praised the Lord in a long time simply because things are not well in their Spirit or in their Soul. It could be an emotional problem or an external problem that is hindering them spiritually. If you cannot worship and praise God or glorify God, then you need to run to Jesus and let Him set you free and loose you from the spirit of infirmity that has you bound and enslaved today!**

**CLOSE**

**Illustration: We have all heard the statement, “Let go and let God.” Here is where that little saying came from. A college student back in the nineteenth century took six postcards and wrote a large letter on each one of the postcards: L. E. T. - G. O. D. He then put them on the mantelpiece in his room where he was living at school. One evening a draft blew through the window and the “D” fell off the mantel. As he picked it up, what he saw seemed to be a message from the Lord: Let Go. He realized that only by letting go can you let God carry out His will in your life.**

**1. Let Go and Let God Free you from Slavery.**

**2. Let Go and Let God Free you from Satan.**

**3. Let Go and Let God Free you from Sorrow.**

**Today, You Can Be Free if you will only go to the Lord when He looks your way and calls for you to come!**