

Luke 13:10-21
“Daughter of Abraham”

Memory verse:
John 6:37

Summary: A woman is healed and delivered on the Sabbath, and Jesus teaches parables on the kingdom of God in the world.

Woman Made Straight

Verses 10-11: *And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 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.*

- Infirmity – *astheneia* – “without strength”, feebleness of mind or body.
- Bowed together – *sugkuptō* – “stooped altogether”, bent double. Probably a fused spine.
- Spirit of infirmity – this ailment was caused by an evil spirit.
- App: What sorts of ailments today might be caused by an evil spirit? Could a born-again believer be afflicted?

Verses 12-13: *And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

- He spoke a word and she was loosed.
- He laid His hands on her.
 - App: How important is the laying on of hands in today’s church?
- Jesus called her, loosed her, and she was made straight – spiritually, that’s salvation.
 - App: How did Jesus call you? How did He loose you?

Verse 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.”*

- Ruler of the synagogue – a layman in charge of the day-to-day functioning of the synagogue. In other cases often quite favorable to Jesus. He had probably invited Jesus to speak.
- It was against their tradition to do any healing on the Sabbath.
- Jesus had called the woman up, but the synagogue ruler rebuked the people.

Verse 15: *The Lord then answered him, and said, “You hypocrite, does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to watering?”*

- The Sabbath is for rest, even for the animals. Union rules.
- Jesus calls him a hypocrite because, like the Pharisees, the synagogue ruler tries to be zealous for the Law, but his heart is hard toward his own people.

[Luke 8:1-3](#)

[Mat. 8:16-17](#)

[Luke 4:40](#)
[Mark 16:18](#)
[Acts 8:14-17,](#)
[9:17-18,](#)
[28:8-9](#)
[1 Tim. 4:14](#)
[Heb. 6:1-2](#)
[John 6:37](#)

[Luke 8:41-42](#)
[Acts 18:8](#)

[Exodus 23:12](#)
[Mat. 12:11-12](#)
[Luke 14:5](#)
[Mark 2:27-28](#)
[Mark 3:1-5](#)
[Rom. 10:1-3](#)

Verse 16: *“And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”*

- Daughter of Abraham – a woman of faith.
- Healing and deliverance of those oppressed by the devil were the primary prophesied missions of Jesus on earth.

Verse 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.*

Lesson: Saving the lost is the first and foremost mission of the Law, the Prophets, Jesus, and His church.

App: Have you let your zeal for God’s Law override your compassion for lost sinners? When is such zeal appropriate? When is it not?

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

Verses 18-19: *Then said he, “Unto what is the kingdom of God like? And unto what shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.”*

- One small seed becomes great. The seed is the Word of God.
- Tree and birds – represents reaching to all nations.
- Birds are not always a good sign in the Bible.

Verses 20-21: *And again he said, “Unto what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”*

- A little leaven leavens the whole thing.
- Leaven of the Pharisees.
- Sin and legalism in the church.
- For good or evil, leaven expands and permeates the whole.

Lesson: The kingdom of God is for all nations (birds) and expands to permeate all society (leaven).

App: What is God’s plan for “a little leaven” in the world? How is your church part of this plan?

[Luke 19:8-10](#)

[Gal. 3:6-7](#)

[John 8:39-44](#)

[Luke 4:17-21](#)

[Acts 10:37-38](#)

[I John 3:8](#)

[Psa 132:17-18](#)

[Mat. 13:31-32](#)

[Mark 4:30-32](#)

[Luke 8:11](#)

[Dan. 4:20-22](#)

[Gen. 40:16-19](#)

[Luke 8:5,12](#)

[Mat. 13:33](#)

[Galatians 5:9](#)

[Mat. 16:5-12](#)

[Exodus 12:15](#)

[I Cor. 5:6-8](#)