

Luke 13:10-17 **Eighteen Year Infirmary Healed by Jesus on Sabbath**

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The setting was in the Synagogue on the Sabbath day.
- ✚ The affliction was caused by a spirit who had held her captive for eighteen years.
- ✚ Jesus called her to Himself and healed her to the glory of God.
- ✚ The opposition condemned it because it was done on the Sabbath.
- ✚ Jesus pointed out their own Hypocrisy, comparing their care for animals above God's care for human beings.
 - ✧ That was about the same as the valuation expressed by animal activists of today.
 - ✧ Save the animals but abort the babies.
- ✚ Jesus demonstrated His omniscience by telling them the duration of the spirit affliction.
- ✚ The spirit afflicting the woman was Satan himself.
- ✚ The woman was a direct descendant from Abraham and Jesus knew it without being told.
- ✚ The adversaries could not answer for shame.
 - ✧ How like those today who can not face the truths of Scripture, but loudly proclaim their objection to them until faced with their error.
- ✚ The multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Jesus.
 - ✧ The common people were more discerning of the truth than the religious leaders who should have been first in recognizing the signs of their time. [Matthew 11:25, Mark 12:37, Luke 10:21, 19:47-48]