

April 21, 2024 AM – Pastor Kevin Olivier
Luke 13:10-17 – “Jesus Healed on the Sabbath”

- A. What do we pray for when we pray for healing?
- B. With Christ’s increasing fame, there was also increasing opposition against Him by the Jewish leadership.

In your faith and practice, live for Jesus who healed on the Sabbath.	I. <u>CHRIST’S MIRACLE OF HEALING</u> II. <u>CHRIST’S REBUKE OF HYPOCRISY</u>
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I. CHRIST’S MIRACLE OF HEALING → **vv10-11**

- A. Notice that this poor woman’s eighteen-year affliction was **“caused by a spirit”** according to **v11**.
1. Those in the medical field may want to point to a physical cause such as osteoporosis or a spinal injury.
 2. Scripture as inspired by the Holy Spirit tells us it was a spiritual cause. In **v16**, Jesus reinforced this truth by saying the woman’s physical affliction was caused by her being bound by Satan **“for eighteen long years.”**
 - a. In **Job 2:7**, we are told that after being given permission by the God, **“Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”**
 - b. In **2 Cor 12:7**, Paul said, **“there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!”**
 - c. The crippled woman in **Lu 13**, Job, and Paul all had afflictions with Satan as the cause; however, we have to be careful not to blame Satan for every one of our physical afflictions.
- B. Jesus demonstrated His loving mercy and messianic office by healing this crippled woman. → **vv12-13**
1. The Greek word for **“glorifying”** is where we get the beautiful practice of singing a “doxology.”
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”
 2. Isaiah foretold this miraculous work by the Messiah, saying, **“the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy” (Isa 35:5-6).**
 3. Jesus healed the blind and the deaf, yet the Holy Spirit removes blindness and deafness of the soul giving God’s elect spiritual eyes to see and spiritual ears to hear and believe the gospel.
 - a. When Jesus raised the dead, that pointed to His raising us from the deadness of sin and unbelief to new spiritual and eternal life.
 - b. In a similar fashion, Matthew Henry said of His healing the crippled woman, “This cure represents the work of Christ’s grace upon the soul. And when crooked souls are made straight, they will show it by glorifying God.”¹
 4. You and I may not have been healed from a painful, debilitating eighteen-year affliction like this woman; however, if you are a Christian, you have cause to praise and glorify God!

¹ Henry, M., & Scott, T. (1997). [Matthew Henry’s Concise Commentary](#) (Lk 13:10). Logos Research Systems.

II. CHRIST'S REBUKE OF HYPOCRISY

A. Before looking at the rebuke the Lord Jesus gave, we have to first notice the angry words of the synagogue official. → **v14**

1. Some of the Jews at this time in history believed they could be so careful that they sufficiently kept the law of Moses. They thought that they were righteous in God's sight because of this.
2. Even today, the Orthodox Union upholds 39 categories of "work" forbidden on the Sabbath.² This synagogue official had the same sort of mindset.

B. Jesus rebuked the hypocrites by using an argument from logic. → **vv15-16**

1. Instead of rebuking this man alone, Jesus rebuked plural **"Hypocrites."**
 - a. It was very likely that others joined this man by shaking their heads at Jesus for His act of mercy on the Sabbath.
 - b. There are other episodes in the NT when Jesus healed on the Sabbath.
 - 1) **Mat 4:23** says, **"Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people."**
 - 2) Earlier in **Lu 6**, Jesus healed a man with a withered right hand while He was being opposed by the scribes and Pharisees.³
2. The word **"hypocrites"** is a transliteration of the Greek.
 - a. This word refers to "persons in a play... to people generally who act a part or pretend to be what they are not."⁴
 - b. Jesus knew what went on in the hearts of such men who threw accusations at Him.
 - c. The synagogue official was trying to tell the lawgiver how He ought to keep the law, yet he and the other Jewish leaders were filled with sin and hypocrisy. → **Mat 23:23-28**

C. Notice two responses to the teaching and miraculous work of Jesus. → **v17**

1. It is good that these opponents of Jesus were humiliated. Hopefully, they were more than embarrassed.
 - a. Perhaps some of them were humbled before the Lord Jesus so that they considered their ways and repented.
 - b. Being humiliated was better than what was recorded earlier in **Lu 6** when Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. On that occasion, the scribes and Pharisees were **"filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus" (v11).**
2. The crowd not trained in legalism was **"rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him."**

Review, further application, and conclusion:

² https://www.ou.org/holidays/the_thirty_nine_categories_of_sabbath_work_prohibited_by_law/

³ See **vv6-11**. This event was also recorded in **Matt 12:9-14** and **Mark 3:1-6**.

⁴ Zodhiates, S. (2000). In *The complete word study dictionary: New Testament* (electronic ed.). AMG Publishers.