

Broken and Healed

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Christ's earthly miracles are types of His mercy and grace to His people:

When He healed someone, He shows He has the power to cure any malady of the soul.

When He raised the dead, He shows He has the give eternal life to those dead in sin.

When He multiplied the loaves and fishes, He shows us He has power to provide for our every need.

When He brought peace to the troubled sea, He shows us He can calm the turmoil within my heart.

In this text Jesus heals a broken woman of a long and painful disease; He can do the same for you.

I. The woman's condition pictures the condition of many in this room. (vv. 11, 16).

"There was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all" (v. 11). In every Sabbath day, Jesus could be found in the synagogue or the Temple teaching. Jesus heals this "daughter of Abraham" (Jew) in the synagogue.

A. The weak and the wounded are always welcome where Christ's word is welcome.

B. The place of healing is often a place of hurting; you can't find the first without the latter.

We are not told what was wrong with this woman, only that she was *"bent double,"* and that her condition was caused by Satan binding her, *"she could not lift herself up."*

"Spiritual deformity assumes many forms, and each form is painful to look upon" (Spurgeon).

C. The person unable to straighten is the person most in need of the Savior.

II. The woman's cure is a picture of how Christ personally cures the broken (vv. 12-13).

"When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "You are freed from your sickness." And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and glorified God." (vs 12-13).

If you think the broken can straighten themselves, then you judge and will not point them to Jesus.

A. Jesus saw her – We should be more concerned with asking Jesus to move than others to move.

B. Jesus called her to Him – One might think Jesus would have healed first. No. He said, "Come."

C. Jesus spoke to her a message of freedom - "You are freed from your sickness."

D. Jesus laid His hands on her – a tender, compassionate touch of guidance and love.

E. Jesus Immediately made her straight. Man can never make straight that which God has made crooked. But the Son of God can easily make straight what sin and Satan have made crooked.

As soon as she was cured, she *"glorified God!"* Your mouth will never open in praise until you focus on the future and not "the past eighteen years" of regret, lost relationships, and wounds.

III. The woman's conflict with the religious rulers pictures the anger of the self-righteous (v. 14).

"But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day" (v. 14). This has to be one of the saddest verses in all the Bible. No sooner was one trial over than another began. As soon as this woman was healed, conflict with a self-righteous, religious hypocrite arose. There are some lessons for all of us who follow Jesus.

A. **Self-righteousness is deeming myself better than others.** The legalist has a difficult time putting himself in the shoes of another person, because he's not thinking about another person.

B. **Self-righteousness leads me to talk about others to others.** The legalist is always wanting to point out the problems in others to others, rather than working out the problems.

C. **Self-righteousness drives people away.** Jesus says "Come." The self-righteous say "Go."

D. **Self-righteousness is only defeated when relationships supersede our religion** (vs 15-16).