

MIRACLES OF JESUS

THAT SPECIAL DAY - LUKE 13:10-17

- A. Jesus taught on repentance, Luke 13:1-9
1. Everyone needs to repent, Luke (1-5)
 - a. It was believed that calamities fell on exceptionally sinful people.
 - b. Jesus rejected that idea and warns religious people to repent or they will perish.
 2. Repentance bears the fruit of righteousness (6-9)
 - a. A change of mind concerning oneself: there is separation from our holy God.
 - b. A change of feeling: sorrow for sins which separate one from God.
 - c. A change of will: a conscious choice to not sin.
- B. Jesus heals a woman while ministering in a synagogue (10-13)
1. Jesus was teaching on the Sabbath when He saw a woman in need (10-11), *Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.*
 - a. Jesus made a habit to be in a synagogue on the Sabbath.
 - b. A woman was present who had a disabling illness for 18 years.
 - 1) She chose to be in the synagogue, as well.
 - 2) Her disability was attributed to the work of Satan.
 - a) Some don't believe in demons who oppress people.
 - b) Others focus all their concerns on the work of demons.
 - c) We live in a world of the physical as well as the spiritual.
 2. Jesus called the woman over and healed her (12-13), *When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." 13 And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.*
 - a. He told her she was freed from her disability.
 - 1) Jesus took the initiative to heal her.
 - a) He laid His hands on her to show that healing came by His authority.
 - b) Her spine was immediately made straight.
 - 2) Jesus healed her for several reasons.
 - a) It was out of compassion - Jesus cares for us and can meet our needs.
 - b) He took that time in the synagogue to teach a lesson on hypocrisy.
 - b. The woman responded by glorifying God.
 - 1) She recognized that Jesus was God's instrument of blessing.
 - 2) Everyone in the synagogue could see the difference between a life being destroyed by Satan yet, able to be redeemed by God.
 - 3) Warren Wiersbe, *That was a synagogue service the people never forgot.*
- C. A synagogue office is offended by Jesus' healing the woman (14), *But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."*
1. The ruler of the synagogue was mad because Jesus healed the woman.
 - a. He was afraid to speak directly to Jesus.
 - b. He told the others present that there are six days when work should be done.
 - c. Healing a woman on the Sabbath was not right.

2. The rule showed more concern for man-made Sabbath regulations than for meeting the needs of people.
 - a. H. D. M. Spence, *The Sabbath regulations at this time were excessively burdensome and childishly rigorous.*
 - b. One man-made Sabbath rule was that a health emergency could be addressed on the Sabbath but a chronic illness must wait for a day other than the Sabbath.

- D. Jesus exposed the true motivation of the official (15-16), *Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"*
 1. Jesus called the official and others in agreement with him, hypocrites.
 - a. They had more concern for the needs of their animals than they did for a woman. Luke 14:5, *And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they could not reply to these things.*
 - b. William Taylor, *They had no hesitation, when their personal property was at stake, to do what they blamed him for doing out of love to a sufferer who had been bowed down with weakness for eighteen years.*

 2. The purpose of the Sabbath
 - a. A time for man to rest, to serve others and to reflect on our great God.
 - b. Mark 2:27, *And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.*
 - c. The Sabbath does not have authority over Jesus because Jesus has authority over the Sabbath, Luke 6:5, *The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.*
 - d. Warren Wiersbe, *The Sabbath that God wants to give us is a "heart rest" that comes through His grace and not from obeying traditions.*

- E. Reaction of the people to the healing (17), *As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.*
 1. The synagogue official and those who opposed Jesus were humiliated (17a)
 - a. Their humiliation was not based on conviction but inability to give a reasonable rebuttal.
 - b. Psalm 109:29, *May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!*
 - c. Psalm 132:18, *His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine.*

 2. The people rejoiced at what Jesus had done (17b)
 - a. Thomas Constable, *The multitudes rejoiced because they appreciated Jesus using His power for the welfare of the people despite their hypocritical leaders' opposition.*
 - b. Luke 19:36-40, *And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."*

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| CONCLUSION |
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- A. Jesus not only cares about our needs but He has authority to meet them.
- B. Religion binds men and makes them slaves to man-made rules.
- C. Faith in Jesus brings freedom and joy.