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Jesus' Disruptive Healing of Abraham's Daughter

Bible Reading: Luke 13:10-17

- 10 Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath, 11 and a woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for 18 years. She was bent over & could not straighten herself up completely. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said, 'Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.' 13 Then [Jesus] placed his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. (Luke 13:10-13 NET)
- 14 But the president of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, "There are six days on which work should be done! So come and be healed on those days, & not on the Sabbath day." 15 Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from its stall, and lead it to water? 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for 18 long years, be released from this imprisonment on the Sabbath day?" 17 When [Jesus] said this all his adversaries were humiliated, but the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things he was doing." (Luke 13:14-17 NET)

SUMMARY:

Jesus' healing of the bent-over woman is far more than one more miracle. For 18-years she suffered not only physical deformity, but also the stigma of being viewed as under God's judgment. Yet she worshipped faithfully. Entering the synagogue, Jesus disrupts the status quo: He calls her out of the shadows, frees her from Satan's bondage, and restores her to stand upright and praise God. The religious leaders condemn the Sabbath healing, yet Jesus defends her and publicly names her a "daughter of Abraham" — acknowledging her membership in the believing community. As the crowd rejoices and the leaders are shamed, Jesus reveals God's great reversal: the proud are humbled, and those oppressed by sin, sickness, and Satan are freed to worship God. Jesus stands ready to do the same today.