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# THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## MIRACLE TWENTY-EIGHT: Healing a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath (Lk. 13:10-17)

### SURVEY

Jesus encountered this woman who had been bent over for eighteen long years while He was teaching in a synagogue. Calling her forward, He said:

*"Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."*

He then laid hands on her and she immediately straightened up and praised God!

### SIGNIFICANCE

- Jesus uses His sharpest rebuke yet in performing this miracle, saying to the critical synagogue ruler, *"thou hypocrite!"*
- It is the third of three miracles where the actual number of years is given in regard to the length of their suffering.
  1. In this case, eighteen years (Lk. 13:11)
  2. That of a woman with an issue of blood, twelve years (Mt. 9:20)
  3. That of a crippled man, thirty-eight years (Jn. 5:5)

### SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- This woman was probably a believer. Jesus refers to her as *"a daughter of Abraham."* In addition, the text indicates that she was a faithful member of the synagogue (Lk. 13:10-11).
- In spite of this, she had been bound by Satan for nearly two decades. Here it should be said that although Satan (or his fallen angels) cannot possess a believer, he can oppress and physically afflict a child of God. There are two classic examples of this satanic physical affliction in the Scriptures.
  1. The example of Job (Job 1-2)

*"So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." (Job 2:7)*
  2. The example of Paul

*"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure." (2 Cor. 12:7)*

- During His meeting with Cornelius, Simon Peter would speak of this:

*"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)*