

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Opposition"**  
**Luke 13:10-17**  
**Study-58**

**Religion focuses upon the Externals (Outward)**  
**Christianity focuses upon the Internal (Heart)**

This opposition of the religious is not new in our study in Luke. We have seen **Luke 4, 5, 6** and now **Luke 13**.

**Luke 13 "The Kingdom of God" (Synopsis of the Kingdom)**  
**Verses 1-9 Repentance To Enter The Kingdom**  
**Verses 10-17 Opposition To The Kingdom**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "A Relationship With Jesus Brings Liberation But Through Religion Persons Are kept In Bondage"

- 1. Verses 10-13 Kingdom Miracle:**
- 2. Verse 14 Kingdom Criticism:**
- 3. Verses 15-17 Kingdom Authority:**

**1. Verses 10-13 Kingdom Miracle:**

**Luke 13:10 And** Luke left off with Jesus' teaching on "**Repentance**"  
**The evidence of fruit through repentance, Luke 13:6-9**

**He was teaching** His main thrust was not miracles, it was teaching!

**synagogues** are not to be confused with the temple. The Temple was in Jerusalem.

**synagogue** - came into being when Israel was cast into Babylonian captivity.

Synagogues were in every city with ten Jewish men (Those above 12 years of age), they could then establish a synagogue. (Two days of study Saturday and Thursday.)

Synagogues had three functions:

1. A place to read the Scriptures. They would recite the Shema  
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**
2. Place of Exposition of the Scriptures.
3. It was a place of prayer.

**Why was Jesus teaching in the synagogue?** Because Jesus was attempting to reach His people with the message of the gospel of the kingdom.

**Luke 13:11 And there was a woman (Luke Gospel To Women)**

**who for eighteen years had had a sickness** a woman that has been severely sick for 18 years.

**caused by a spirit;** Luke tells us that the origin of this sickness was demonic. What insight this gives to us about Satan.

**and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.** Doctor Luke uses a word "*curvature of the spine*" *her spine was fused into a ridged mass.*

**Luke 13:12 When Jesus saw her,** notice that Jesus saw this woman in her pain, and her need. Don't ever forget that Jesus sees us and our condition.

**He called her over** probably she was sitting in the back and wanted to remain there, but Jesus called her out.

**and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." Jesus has power over Sin, Satan, Sickness and Death.**

Notice **(three)** different terms that Jesus uses in this passage: **verse 12 - freed, verse 15 - untie, verse - 16 released.**

**freed from your sickness.**" literally "*she was cured and permanently liberated*"

**This healing/deliverance form Satan was God's witness of the Kingdom of God!**

**Luke 13:13 And He laid His hands on her;** Did Jesus have to touch her in order to heal her? NO! Jesus was not afraid nor embarrassed to touch her.

**and immediately she was made erect again** That is what Jesus wants to do for us.

**Jesus sees our crooked spiritual deformities; He sees us blind, maimed and deaf.**

**and began glorifying God.** Notice the spontaneous response to this healing. *She is expressing her heart felt gratitude to God for what Jesus has done!* She gave the glory to God.

**Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 9:35**

## **2. Verse 14 Kingdom Criticism:**

**Luke 13:14 But the synagogue official, (President)** Leader of the synagogue, oversight of the order of service, what took place.

**indignant** – *"to be angry or afflicted over that which is unjust"*

**Was this ministerial pride?** He was to oversee the service and Jesus did not check with him first.

**because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath,** *"to be angry or afflicted over that which is unjust"* Jesus keeps hammering home His mercy on the Sabbath –

**Luke 14:1-6; Matthew 12:1-8; John 5:1-10 (16-18 want to kill Jesus); 9:1-16**

**What was this man all indignant about? His narrow view of the Law of God, (His Program)**

**What a different man Jairus, was! Luke 8:41**

**began saying to the crowd in response, (Chickenhearted, Coward)**  
Note the official blasts the congregation.

**"There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." No one came to be healed but to worship, it was Jesus who chose to heal!**

**Pharisees had taken the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:13** (six number of man) 7<sup>th</sup> God's gift of salvation and rest (Rest through Jesus the Passover lamb)

**Only one of the Ten Commandments which was ceremonial law not moral. All nine repeated in the NT but not the Sabbath law. (Colossians 2:16-17)**

**What is the religious leader referring to?** The violation of their rules for the Sabbath. The Mishna (Ancient Jewish Rule Book) They had devised some

**39 rules governing the Sabbath. (Confusing & Ridiculous)**

**and not on the Sabbath day."** This man saw the service of God as work.  
**Galatians 5:14**

### **3. Verses 15-17 Kingdom Authority:**

**Luke 13:15 But the Lord** Note the title Luke used that Jesus was Lord, the Master!

**answered him and said**, this is the Lord God speaking here. Jesus our defense.

**"You hypocrites**, You play actors, that put on a face, *"to speak from underneath"* **note hypocrites** is plural **Luke 13:17 As He said this, all His opponents**

**Matthew 23** Jesus says it **seven times. Why? Because He loves these folks and is trying to shake them out of their stupor.**

**Verses 15-16 Acts Of Mercy And Necessity Do Not Violate The Sabbath:**

**untie** or **loose** refers to the untying of the livestock. This is a play on words **Luke 13:16 should she not have been released from this bond** released (Bound) from her sickness?

**Luke 13:16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is**, this woman was more than a Jew, she was a daughter of Abraham by faith!

**whom Satan has bound** People are in bondage to fear! **Hebrews 2:15**

**should** – strong word *"necessary to release her" she must be released* **should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"**

**Luke 13:17 As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; Isaiah 45:16**

**and the entire crowd was rejoicing** Everyone with exception of the religious.

**Exodus 34:10**

#### **Application:**

1. Satan Places People In Bondage, But True Freedom Is Found In A Relationship Through Faith In Jesus.
2. There Is A Bondage That Is Far Worse Than This Woman's Bondage. A Bondage That Affects The Mind And Heart And Blinds Us To The Mission Of Jesus Christ.
3. Acts Of Mercy And Necessity Never Violate The Sabbath's Rest.