

The Hunchback Woman in the Synagogue

(Lk 13:10-17)

I. THE CONDITION OF THE WOMAN (11)

A. Her Physical Affliction

1. **Crippled**—physically disabled
2. **Deformed**—obvious to others, literally looked down upon
3. **Long-standing**—part of her life for 18 years

B. Caused by a Spirit —*a disabling spirit/spirit of infirmity*

1. **We are physical-spiritual beings.**
2. **The Fall compromised every realm of human function.**
3. **Body, mind and soul are all connected.**
4. **Jesus came to deal with ALL of it.**

II. THE ACTION OF JESUS (12-13, 15-16)

A. He Sees Her. *Worthy of Notice*

1. **Woman**—strict religious men purposely ignored women
2. **Disabled**—often people *look away*, only see deformity
3. **Daughter of Abraham**—worth, dignity, relationship

B. He Calls Her Forward. *A Teaching Moment*

1. **He initiates**—Jesus' heart drawn to the suffering

2. **Publicly**—Ministry more than teaching theology
3. **In the synagogue**—healing and deliverance in church

C. **He Touches Her.** *Beauty of the Incarnation*

1. **Physical Reality** (1 Jn 1:1)—Jesus changes things in the physical world here and now.
2. **Human Connection** (Gen 2:7; Rev 21:3-4)—Touch is the most basic expression of presence and comfort.

D. **He Heals Her.** *Comprehensive Redemption*

E. **He Delivers Her.** (1 Jn 3:8; 2 Cor 3:17; Gal 5:1) *Freedom from Demonic Bondage*

III. **THE RESPONSE TO THE HEALING** (13-14)

A. **The Woman Praised God.** *The One who Had Suffered*

B. **The Synagogue Ruler Was Indignant.** *The One in Authority*

1. Preoccupied with propriety
2. Lacking human compassion
3. Protecting his own authority

For further study, listen to Tony Evans “Woman, Time to Straighten Up”

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