



## Today's Message

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Title: *Streams of Mercy, Never Ceasing*

Text: Luke 13:10–17 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> 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? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> 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.

Introduction: The best way for us to study the miracles of Jesus in the Gospel story is with a three-fold approach: 1) retell the story, 2) determine the point the author is making by including the story, and 3) identify lasting implications the story has for us today.

### **I. A story retold: Jesus performed another mighty miracle and received a mixed response. 10-17**

A. The setting: Jesus was teaching in a synagogue. 10

- B. Jesus performed another miracle of healing. 11-13
  - 1. He saw a suffering woman, harassed by Satan. 11
  - 2. He took the initiative and healed her. 12-13a
  - 3. His healing resulted in God's praise. 13b
  
- C. A religious leader scolded Jesus because he healed on the Sabbath. 14
  - 1. He scolded Jesus in anger.
  - 2. He scolded Jesus publicly.
  - 3. He scolded Jesus as a lawbreaker.
  
- D. In response, Jesus rebuked the religious leader. 15-16
  - 1. He rebuked him for hypocrisy. 15
  - 2. He rebuked him for lacking mercy. 16a
  - 3. He rebuked him for twisting the Word of God. 16b
  
- E. Jesus words and his works created two responses. 17
  - 1. Some opposed him and were shamed.
  - 2. Some believed him and were overjoyed.

**II. A principle received (today's "take-home truth"):  
Jesus is Lord; what you do with him will result in either joy or shame.**

**III. Implications to remember:**

- A. The Lord Jesus is God's Prophet, Priest, and King.
- B. If you want to enter his Kingdom, you must humbly trust Jesus alone.
- C. If you trust him, you will find mercy and joy; if you do not trust him, you will receive eternal shame.