

A BOWED BACK &
A HANDICAPPED MIND
GOD WANTS US TO BE FREE

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Luke 13:10-13_KJV And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. [11] And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. [12] And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. [13] And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

The seven Sabbath miracles were special miracles in themselves. Each one represented something beyond just a healing or deliverance.

- **The man who was demon-possessed—Mark 1:21-26**
- **Peter's mother-in-law—Luke 4:38-39**
- **The man with the withered hand—Matthew 12:9-13**
- **The woman who was bowed down—Luke 13:10-16**
- **The man with dropsy—Luke 14:1-5**
- **The crippled man at the Pool of Bethesda—John 5:5-9**
- **The man born blind—John 9:1-14**

John 5:1 KJV Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

The Woman Who Was Bent

- **Eighteen years can fly by when life is spent in happiness.**
- **Eighteen years is a short time when it is involved with the blessings of life.**
- **Eighteen years is a short time when you are reaching and accomplishing all you had hoped for.**
- **Eighteen years is a short time when you are involved in the joys of raising children.**

- **Eighteen years is a short time when you are surrounded by friends that help you overcome the challenges of life.**
- **Eighteen years is a short time when you are advancing in your job and enjoying the milk and honey of the Promised Land.**

- **Eighteen years can drag by when you are consumed with the pain of a bent back.**
- **Eighteen years is a very long time to have to struggle to leave your home.**
- **Eighteen years is a very long time to have a body and mind that is vexed with despair.**
- **Eighteen years is a very long time to always be looking down at the ground.**
- **Eighteen years is a very long time to struggle with a mistake that changed your life.**

- **Eighteen years is a very long time to try and wash away something from the soul with soap.**
- **Eighteen years is a very long time to have to cover up with words what inflames the mind.**
- **Eighteen years can be an awfully long time to fight an infected, wounded spirit.**

- **Keeping her home was difficult.**
 - **Walking was difficult.**
 - **Sleeping was difficult.**

- **Goodspeed—Had a sickness caused by a spirit.**
- **Berkley—Had suffered from a weakening spirit.**
- **Knox—Had suffered under some influence that disabled her.**
- **New English Bible—Possessed by a spirit that had crippled her.**
- **Moffatt—Suffered weakness from an evil spirit.**

- **Phillips—Had been ill from some psychological cause.**
- **ESV—A disabling spirit.**

The Spirit of Infirmity

- **Personal wars go on inside of people because of events that took place years ago.**
- **Emotional traumas that happened years ago are wilting them down now.**
- **Fear ushered them to the place that they try to control and manipulate simply in an effort to survive.**
- **Relationships are poisoned by their need to control.**
- **Bad decisions take place because they are so desperate to get fixed.**

John 4:16-18_KJV Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. [17] The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: [18] For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

**Bent Backs From
Handicapped
Minds**

- **Parents who divorced and left a feeling of abandonment.**
- **Child abuse that was physical, emotional, and even sexual.**
- **The pain of being left out and rejected.**
- **Expectations that were left unfulfilled.**
- **Having to fight for everything.**
- **A spouse who cheated and made you feel like you were the cause.**
- **A father who failed to be a leader or a mother who failed to nurture.**

- **It sets our affection on earthly things when we would wish to fix them on heavenly things.**
- **It takes worldly and selfish cares and aims them at our most spiritual hours.**
- **It mars with skeptical suggestions the peace that we would enjoy from the hand of God.**
- **It lowers our highest resolves and frustrates our best purposes and desires.**
- **Because of the attack of the spirit of infirmity, we can never seem to be true to our passionate spiritual convictions.**

The Miracle

- **The humped back.**
- **The downcast eyes.**
- **The depressed spirit.**
 - **The weary walk.**

The acceptance of defeat.

- **He saw in Simon Barjona, the hidden Cephas, the son of a timid dove, the steadfast rock that he would build the church on.**
- **He saw Nathanael and looked beyond the outward appearance and saw the inward man of the heart, an Israelite in whom was no guile (deception).**
- **He looked on Judas Iscariot and knew who it was that would betray Him.**

- **He reads our stories.**
- **He understands our infirmities.**
- **He knows our deepest hurts.**
- **He sees our maladies.**
- **He knows the force of our temptations.**
- **He has insight into the darkest storms and battles of our soul.**

**When Braces Come Off of
The Mind**

**You can be loosed from
your infirmity!**