THE GOSPELOF

LUKE 13:10-11 Now he was teaching in one of the

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 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.

HUBACH

According to the biblical account in Genesis, tragedy struck with the Fall of Mankind - with devastating impact on every aspect of creation...Our world became an abnormal world...Disability is simply a more noticeable form of the brokenness that is common to human experience – a normal part of life in an



On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered...



If I had been crippled for eighteen years, I wonder if I would be faithful to worship God week after week in the synagogue? Surely this woman had prayed and asked God for help, and yet she was not delivered...



...However, God's seeming unconcern did not cause her to become bitter or resentful. There she was in the synagogue

LUKE 13:12-13

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

LUKE 13:13-16

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."...

...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? And ought not this woman, a daughter of

eighteen years, be loosed from this bond

Abraham whom Satan bound for

on the Sabbath day?"



But if anyone...sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

LUKE 13:15-16

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? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

Exoclus 34:6

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness



The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love



Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

