



Lesson Eight

Jesus Sets a Woman Free

Heart Preparation

Satan had kept the woman bound and bent over for eighteen long years, and she suffered terribly in the grip of her disease. But Jesus saw her condition and set her free.

He called the woman to him and declared victory even before healing her. When Jesus put his hands on her, she straightened up right away and set about praising God.

Satan had crippled the woman, but Jesus is victorious over Satan, and delivered the woman from his evil grip. Through God's grace, Jesus redeemed her life from the enemy, and gave her a reason to glorify God.

How do you respond to the kindnesses of God in your life? Are you grateful that you have been set free from your sins to praise him? Instead of enjoying his benefits without reflecting on them or on him—thank him continually with your love, prayers and songs. And pray that your students will respond with glad hearts as they learn more about Jesus and what he has done for them.

Bible Background

The ruler of the synagogue was the one who orchestrated services, selecting those who would read God's Word and lead the prayers. It was this man who censured Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. But Jesus saw what was in the man's heart—legalism, self-righteousness and hypocrisy, and he exposed it, thus putting his enemies to shame. (Luke 13:15–17a)

Straight and free, the healed woman stood in beautiful contrast to the critics of Jesus, who were bound and contorted by their indignation and blindness to sin. She, along with those whose hearts were receptive to Jesus, delighted in praising the One who had power over sin and Satan.



Bible Truth

Jesus showed God's power over Satan, and the evil he caused, by healing the crippled woman.

Scripture

Luke 13:10–17



Lesson Focus

Praise God for the wonderful things he does, and that God is more powerful than Satan.

Goals for the Children

- State that Jesus healed the crippled woman to show people he is God.
- State that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Sing songs and say prayers of praise to God.



Memory Minute

*I will praise you, O LORD . . .
I will tell of all your wonders. Psalm 9:1*