

**Sermon Text:** Luke 13:10-17 Keeping Sabbath by Receiving Grace

As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus frees believers from satan's bonds especially on the Sabbath.

**1) Jesus ministers to the gathered people of God on the Sabbath (13:10).**

- a) V. 10—"Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath."—Importance of Jesus' teaching ministry both then and now.
- b) 4:16b—"And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read."
- c) Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them."—Context of the Church practicing discipline of members
- d) The NT Church gathered on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection, and the day of the Holy Spirit's coming (Luke 24:1; Acts 2:1-4; John 20:19, 26; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).
- e) **Application:** One way you can keep the Sabbath holy is to gather with God's people to hear the Word of Christ.

**2) Jesus delivers His people from the devices of satan especially on the Sabbath (13:11-13).**

- a) "Synagogue" and "Sabbath" (cf. Luke 4:17-21; 12:11) From these previous references, we expect to see both the grace of God in Jesus' ministry to His people, and the hostility of the synagogue leadership toward Jesus and His followers. That is exactly what we see in this episode.
- b) Satan's cruel oppression (13:11)—bent over or contorted; not all sickness is induced by satan; we are fallen creatures in a fallen world; but the devil does use many aspects of our fallen condition to vex us and tempt us
- c) Compassion of Christ:
  - i) "Jesus saw her" (13:12a)—Jesus sees those who suffer when others are tempted to look away; He sees you; He is interested in your trials, He has compassion for you
  - ii) "He called her over" (13:12b)—He willingly associates with her
  - iii) "He laid his hands on her" (13:13a)—Jesus does not need to touch or even be in the proximity of someone to heal. He does so because touching is part of human fellowship. It also serves to connect her healing with His acceptance of her.
  - iv) Jesus honors her as "a daughter of Abraham" (13:16)—Jesus' response to the ruler of the synagogue upholds the sanctity of the Sabbath, while exposing the inhumanity of false religion; Jesus embraced her as a believer, a true child of Abraham
  - v) "Woman, you are freed from your disability." (13:12c)—freed from the disabling spirit (13:11), which Jesus later identifies as satan, the archenemy of the soul (13:16)
- d) **Application:** Another way to keep the Sabbath holy is to receive Christ's ministry through His appointed means of grace on the Lord's Day to be free from satan's devices. Christ's appointed means of grace are the Word of God, prayer, the sacraments, and the communion of the saints.

**3) Jesus fosters worship of God among His people on the Sabbath (13:13b, 17).**

- a) "She glorified God"
- b) "His adversaries were put to shame"—could lead to repentance
- c) "All the people rejoiced"

d) "Glorious things"

e) **Application:** We gather to recount the "glorious things" our God has done and promised. As we do, our hearts are stirred to worship.

Doxology: "To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:5b