

## LOOSED FROM THE BONDS OF SATAN

### LUKE 13 V 10 - 17

- Series: Spiritual authority. Believer's authority.
- Last week: ambassadors of Christ.
- Not of this world. Citizens of heaven. Living in a foreign land
- Establishing God's rule and reign here on earth. To represent Jesus here.
- God-given authority to implement His Kingdom here.

If you watch the news, read newspaper or drive through the city you'll see that this world is dark, cruel, unjust, sinfull, full of hatred, and every evil thing.

- Why? It is ruled by satan

We do not want to give a platform to satan or make him out to be stronger than he is, but there is a reality to the world we live in. satan controls it, the manifestation of his rule in this world is evident.

- John 12 v 31, John 14 v 30, John 16 v 11: **ruler of this world**
- Ephesians 2 v 2: **prince of the power of the air**
- 2 Corinthians 4 v 4: **god of this age**
- 1 John 5 v 19: .... **the whole world lies *under the sway of the wicked one.***

**Ephesians 6 v 12:** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

The name Satan means "adversary, opponent...accuser, opposing party...[or] the one who hinders a purpose" The Greek *Satanas* carries the same meaning and is used "in a very special sense of the enemy of God and all of those who belong to God." Other names for Satan include the *shining one*, or *Lucifer* (Isa 14:12), the *evil one* (1 John 5:19), the *tempter* (1 Thess 3:5), the *devil* (Matt 4:1), the *god of this world* (2 Cor 4:4), the *accuser of the brethren* (Rev 12:10), the *prince of the power of the air* (Eph 2:2), the *serpent* (Rev 12:9), and the *great red dragon* (Rev 12:3). Further, Satan is a *murderer* and *liar* (John 8:44), is compared to a *lion* that prowls about, looking for someone to devour (1 Pet 5:8), and one who disguises himself as an *angel of light* (2 Cor 11:14).

**1 John 3 v 8:** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that **He might destroy the works of the devil.**

**Acts 10 v 38 – Peter preaching to Cornelius:** ....how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

**Isaiah 61:** "The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the **opening of the prison** to ***those who are bound***;.....

Today's message: PRACTICALLY, HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT GOD'S KINGDOM IN THIS WORLD

- Not a method, but a **practical example** from scripture.
- How we can become free from satan's works, and help to free others.

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### The women with a spirit of infirmity

**Luke 13 v 10:** Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity eighteen years**, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus **saw** her, **He called her to Him** and **said to her**, "Woman, you are **loosed from your infirmity.**" <sup>13</sup> And **He laid His hands on her**, and **immediately** she was made straight, and **glorified God.**

<sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath **loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?** <sup>16</sup> So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom **Satan has bound**—think of it—for **eighteen years, be loosed from this bond** on the Sabbath?" <sup>17</sup> And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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### SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

Strong's Concordance: INFIRMITY = sickness, disease, weakness, feebleness, frailty

This disease was caused by a spirit from satan.

(Not all physical disease is caused by spiritual things, however some physical problems can be the result of spiritual issues)

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### SATAN HAS BOUND

Strong's Concordance: BOUND = to bind, **be in bonds**, knit, tie, wind

- **Bondage / oppression / being captive / prisoner.**
- The picture is an animal (sheep, goat) tied down with a rope.
- No escape, no way to freedom

HOW DO WE RECOGNISE THE INFLUENCE OF SATAN IN OUR LIVES?

**John 10 v 10:** The thief does not come except to (1) **steal**, and to (2) **kill**, and to (3) **destroy**. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

- Things missing, people missing (stolen)
- Death , dead things, no life (physical, emotional, spiritual)
- Destruction (relationships, marriage)

All footprints of satan

- Mental disorders, Depression, Anxiety, stress, fear, addiction, suicidal thoughts, hatred, unforgiveness, violence, physical disease

### 18 YEARS

- Significance of 18? It is a very long time!
- Jesus said think of it.....(v16)
- 18 years before, satan found a foothold in her life, and bound her ever since that day.
- Suffered, struggled to walk, bowed; couldn't stand up.
- Shame, guilt, condemnation, not being able to cope with everyday tasks.

Examples of many years:

**Luke 8 v 27 – Demon possessed man:** Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city **who had demons for a long time.**

**Luke 8 v 43 – women with the issue of blood:** Now a woman, having **a flow of blood for twelve years,**....

**Mark 9 v 21 - Boy with the mute spirit:** So He (*Jesus*) asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “**From childhood.**”

**John 5 v 5 – lame man at the pool of Bethesda:** Now a certain man was there **who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.**

**John 9 v 19 – man born blind:** And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say **was born blind?** How then does he now see?”

**Acts 3 v 2:** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. <sup>2</sup> And a certain **man lame from his mother’s womb** was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful.....**Acts 4 v 22:** For the man was **over forty years old** on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

**Acts 14 v 8 – lame man:** And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a **cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked.** <sup>9</sup> This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup> said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.

ALL THESE PEOPLE WERE HEALED

- It is never too late for God to set you free.
- Today is the day of salvation, freedom.

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BOWED DOWN / BENT OVER / COULD NOT STAND UP STRAIGHT

**Psalm 145 v 14:** The Lord upholds all who fall, And **raises up all *who are* bowed down.**

**Psalm 146 v 8:** The Lord opens *the eyes of* the blind; The Lord **raises those who are bowed down....**

- Whatever the manifestation of your bondage, God is willing, able and capable to set you free.

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EXAMPLE: HOW JESUS LOOSED THE BONDS OF SATAN

<sup>12</sup>But when (1) **Jesus** (2) **saw** her, (3) He **called her to Him** and (4) **said** to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup>And (5) He **laid His hands on her**, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

#### 1) IN CHRIST

Only Jesus can set us free from bondage. (No program, church, hospital, institution pastor, doctor can free us)

Jesus saw, Jesus called her, Jesus said, Jesus laid hands

- It is about Jesus
- Power and authority comes from being in Christ

**2 Corinthians 5 v 17:** Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has **given us the ministry of reconciliation.....**

**Colossians 1 v 17:** .... **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.....

**Galatians 2 v 20:** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- We are in Christ, and Christ is in us.
- We no longer live for ourselves but for Him (2 Cor 5 v 15)

**John 8 v 12 - Jesus:** “I am the **light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

**Mathew 5 v 14 - Jesus:** **You are the light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**John 20 v 21: .... As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”**

- We are representatives of Jesus here on earth.
- To establish His rule here

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2) SAW [But when Jesus saw her....]

Strong’s Concordance: SAW = To know, be aware, behold, to have knowledge, perceive, understand  
Jesus knew this woman’s story. Years of being bent over. How she came to be bound, what she suffered, how she prayed for healing. He knew her history and understood her case.

**Matthew 9 v 35:** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when **He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

COMPASSION

- Not empathy, not sympathy
- Divine love in action. Love that moves us to act.

ISRAEL IN BONDAGE

**Exodus 2 v 23:** Then the children of Israel groaned **because of the bondage**, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the **bondage**.<sup>24</sup> So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> **And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.**

**Exodus 3 v 7 – God speaking to Moses at the burning bush:** <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said: “**I have surely seen the oppression** of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** because of their taskmasters, for **I know their sorrows**. <sup>8</sup> **So I have come down to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, ....”

- Jesus sees you.
- We need to see people like God sees.

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3) CALLED HER TO HIM [He called her to Him...]

**Matthew 11 v 28: Come to Me**, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

- Connect the person to Jesus.
- Talk about Him, point to Him.
- “Jesus will heal you know....”, “Jesus will save you....”, “Jesus will make it better....”

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4) SAID TO HER **[said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."]**

Strong's Concordance: SAID = Command

Strong's Concordance: LOOSED = to free fully, release, dismiss, set at liberty

- Loosed refer to the untying of livestock (sheep, goats, etc)

**Psalm 107 v 20:** *(God) sent His word and healed them....*

**Matthew 8 v 16:** When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits **with a word**, and healed all who were sick....

- THE WORD OF GOD: contains power and authority to:
- heal, deliver, break bondage, fear, addiction, depression.
- The word of God will not return to Him void, but accomplish what it set out to do.

**2 Kings 5 v 10 - Naaman the leper:** And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, **"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."**

**Acts 3 v 6 – Peter and John heal the lame man:** "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

- God confirms His words with signs and wonders following (Mark 16 v 20)

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5) LAID HIS HANDS ON HER **[He laid His hands on her....]**

Sceptics and unbelieving believers: do not let anyone lay hands on you....

**1 Timothy 5 v 22** - Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

- Context: not about laying on of hands (ministry), BUT - ordaining leaders into office.

Laying on of hands is a foundational Christian principle.

**Heb 6 v 1 – Foundations of the Christian faith:** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of (1) repentance from dead works and of (2) faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>of (3) the doctrine of baptisms, of (4) **laying on of hands**, of (5) resurrection of the dead, and of (6) eternal judgment.

Doctrine of laying on of hands:

- Definite act in which one or more persons place their hands physically on another persons body for a specific spiritual reason.
- God has ordained the laying on of hands as the biblical pattern for impartation.
- **Blessing** (Mark 10 v 16), **Ordain into office & authority** (Acts 6 v 6, Acts 13 v 3, Acts 14 v 21), **healing** (Luke 4 v 40) **imparting spiritual gifts** (1 Tim 4 v 14, 2 Tim 1 v 6), **receiving Holy Spirit** (Acts 8 v 17, Acts 9 v 17, Acts 19 v 6)

Strong's Concordance: LAID = to impose, lay upon, put on. Set on

Strong's Concordance: HAND = the hand (literally or figuratively [power]; especially [by Hebraism] a means or instrument: - hand

- Laying of hands = instrument of power & authority in the spiritual realm

**Habbakuk 3 v 3:** God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise. <sup>4</sup>His brightness was like the light; **He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.**

#### EXAMPLES OF LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Mark 5 v 22 – Jairus whose daughter died:** And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet <sup>23</sup>and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. **Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.**”

**Mat 8 v 3 – Jesus heals a leper:** Then Jesus **put out His hand and touched him**, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

**Luke 4 v 40:** When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and **He laid His hands on every one of them** and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!”

**Mark 6 v 5 – Jesus rejected in Nazareth:** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that **He laid His hands** on a few sick people and healed *them*.

**Mark 7 v 32:** Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they **begged Him to put His hand on him**.

**Mark 8 v 25 – Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida:** Then **He put His hands on his eyes** again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

**Acts 9 v 17:** And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and **laying his hands on him** he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 28 v 8 – Paul's ministry on Malta:** And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and **he laid his hands on him** and healed him.

**Mark 16 v 17:** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will **lay hands on the sick**, and they will recover.”

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RESULT: IMMEDIATELY HEALED & PRAISED GOD

Set free from her bondage, immediately

**Luke 18 v 43 – the blind man at Jericho:** Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> And **immediately** he received his sight, and followed Him, **glorifying God**. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

**Luke 17 v 14 – 10 lepers cleansed:** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice **glorified God**, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks.

**Psalm 116 v 16:** O Lord, truly I *am* Your servant;  
I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;  
You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
And will call upon the name of the Lord.

**Psalm 107 v 20:** He sent His word and healed them,  
And delivered *them* from their destructions.

<sup>21</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,  
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
And declare His works with rejoicing.

**Psalm 103 v 1:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *ble*ss His holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, <sup>5</sup> Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

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RESPOND

MINISTER TO PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE SET FREE

COMMISSIONING

- **Matthew 10 v 7:** And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- **Mark 16 v 15 – the great commission:** “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who <sup>[d]</sup>believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they<sup>[e]</sup> will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

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AMEN