

April 7

Jesus' Enemies Care More for Oxen than Satan's Captives

The women sang one to another as they played, and said,
"Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands."
Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him – 1 Samuel 18:7-8

[Luke 13:10-17, Perea] He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day. Behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bent over, and could in no way straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "*Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.*" He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight, and glorified God.

The ruler of the synagogue, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the multitude, "There are six days in which men ought to work.

Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!"

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Therefore the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead him away to water? Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound eighteen long years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

As he said these things, all his adversaries were disappointed, and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

1. How does Jesus "rescue the weak and needy"? What were people's reactions? Why?

2. How are you a hypocrite? How do you rescue Satan's victims? What will you do today?

3. Jesus, the authorities were jealous of your works and the crowd's response; so also I...