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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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It's Time to Straighten Up! (Pt. 2 of 2)

LUKE 13:10-17 NKJV – (10) Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. (11) 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. (12) But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." (13) And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Now let's take this time to review and discuss the deliverance.

- 1) This woman made a choice (verse 12a). This day she didn't just come to church, she came to Jesus!
- 2) Jesus made the correction. (verse 12b)
- 3) Jesus provided a cure. (verse 13a)
- 4) Luke records the change (verse 13b)! She glorified God! Nobody primed her - there were no praise and worship ministers, no organs or drums. She glorified God because her status changed. Has your status changed? Do you have a reason to glorify God?

Perhaps you are thinking, *"This sounds good, but Jesus is not here on earth. Jesus is not here! I want to come to Him, but He is not here!"* Well, remember.... On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead (Resurrection), then He stepped on a cloud (Ascension) and He rose up to Heaven. When He arrived in Heaven, the Bible says He was seated on the right hand of the Father, far above all rule, authority and power. In other words, Jesus is seated in the executive chair, calling the shots over everything in the spiritual realm. The bible tells us in In Ephesians 2 that when you and I accepted Christ, we died with Him, we were raised with Him and we were seated with Him in Heavenly places. In other words, you are sitting next to Jesus and, yet, you do not even know how close you are to Him. You are seated right next to Him in the spiritual realm. Therefore, if you are looking for your solutions in the physical realm when the problem is a spiritual cause, you are looking in the wrong place! Because we operate in that physical realm all the time, we search for a program, a plan, a service, a church, but we never go to the person that can actually deliver us. Programs and plans cannot deliver you from the spiritual realm. Sermons cannot deliver you from the spiritual realm. Only Jesus can deliver. Jesus said come to me even though you are already in church.

SCRIPTURE READING:
ISAIAH 6:7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"If we do not know ourselves to be full of pride, ambition, lust, weakness, misery, and injustice, we are indeed blind. And if, knowing this, we do not desire deliverance, what can we say of a man...?"