

## THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS

### Lesson Seventeen

#### CASTING OUT DEMONS: RELEASING A DOUBLE-BENT AND SATAN-BOUND WOMAN

##### Burden to Impart:

*In this lesson we see how the Lord Jesus released a woman who had been suffering from an evil spirit. The demon made her stay double-bent with her face to the ground for eighteen miserable years. The Lord Jesus has the greatest authority in the universe. He released the woman from the demon's oppression and possession, freeing her to stand upright again. We also have authority over Satan when we believe in the Lord Jesus. When we stand in the mighty name of Jesus and declare, "Jesus is Lord," all the demons must flee.*

**Memory Verse:** "God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

**Facts to Teach:** [Scripture reading: Luke 13:10-17]

1. The woman in this story was not just sick with a physical disease, she suffered from a "spirit of infirmity." That is, the evil spirit of a demon possessed her.
  - a. Before God created Adam and the human race He created at least two other different creatures: the angels in the heavens and some creatures on the earth. (Satan's background is fully exposed in Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:1-19.)
  - b. Although the angels were created perfect, the one God had appointed to be the highest and which was the most beautiful, Lucifer, one day became proud of his beauty and lifted up in his heart. Being full of pride and being self-deceived he believed he could take over God's throne and make himself God. So he led many angels of heaven (one third) and many creatures on earth in a rebellion against God.
  - c. God, of course, quickly judged Lucifer (who became "Satan") and all of his followers. They all await God's eternal judgment in the lake of fire, hell.
  - d. Those fallen angels who followed Satan became the evil spirits of the air. They try to continually put their evil thoughts into men's minds to corrupt them and cause them to sin.
  - e. The spirits of those creatures upon the earth who rebelled and followed Satan are now the demons. The demons try to enter into people's bodies to possess them, to afflict them, and to make them miserable.
2. The woman in this story had suffered for eighteen years from an evil spirit that tormented her by making her double-bent. (Perhaps the demon possessed her by she being an idol worshipper.)

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She could never look up, only down. She could never see the sky or the heavens, she could only look down to the dusty earth. She was helpless and hopeless. She was possessed by a demon, bound by Satan, and could see nothing but Satan's world.

3. No one could help her for eighteen years, for no one was mightier than Satan. Then Jesus came. He did not ask her if she wanted to be healed, neither did He ask the demon to leave her body. He simply called her over to Himself (and she obeyed) and said, "Woman, you have been released from your infirmity," and thus released her. Jesus is the Lord; He is the mightiest One in the universe. All of the evil spirits and demons fear Him and must obey Him.

4. We must realize that in the mighty name of Jesus we have authority over Satan and all fallen angels and demons. If we ever feel tempted or troubled by Satan we can always chase him away by declaring with our mouth and spirit, "Jesus is Lord!"

### QUESTIONS FOR LESSON SEVENTEEN

1. Satan has many followers (evil spirits and demons) who try to enter into people and possess them. True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_
2. The double-bent woman had been suffering for eighteen years because of a back injury when she was young.  
True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_
3. The Lord Jesus could heal the sick and raise the dead, but even He could not help a person who was demon possessed.  
True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_
4. Satan tries to work in people by injecting his thoughts into their minds. True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_
5. When we feel that Satan is tempting or troubling us, what should we declare? \_\_\_\_\_