

## A WOMAN LOOSED FROM HER INFIRMITY

Place--Some synagogue in Perea on last journey to Jerusalem cf 13:22. Synagogue not specified.

Theme--Hypocrisy in the Church

## II Hypocrisy Demonstrated, 10-14.

## A. Reason which gave rise to the demonstration--regularity.

1. Of Christ. Last mention of X's teaching in a synagogue. Elders wouldn't let Him in many places. We don't really know why they did here. Impf peri in vs 10 was teaching. Example of regular attendance at church. In a sense X is still meeting with His people who come together. Mt 18:20 makes a gathering prerequisite to the fulfillment of the promise. No wise defender of public worship ever rested his case on ability of preacher. God to meet God
2. Of the woman. No indication she came to be healed. For 18 yrs she couldn't straighten herself properly. She was bent tog and utterly unable to bend back. Spirit of weakness indicates it was not merely spine trouble but prob demonic possession. She didn't let this stand in the way of worshipping God publicly. Blessing is always in the path of duty. It's the consistent lives that bring out hypocrisy in others. No hypocrisy in church today will be demonstrated without contrastingly consistent lives.

## B. Results of the demonstration.

1. Restoration of the woman. X recognized the real trouble and called to her from woman's gallery for she would have been sitting there. No word about faith on the woman's part. She was made straight. Only here, Acts 15:16; Heb 12:12. Medical term. Word and laying hand practically at same time. Was straightened is pass--power of X did it and aor--effect instantaneous.
2. Revelation of the ruler's character. Pharisaic pomposity with hard and fast rules about propriety. Evidently he was addressing the people. Dared not attack X himself but spoke to the people. Hypocrisy (1) in pretending to rebuke the people when really censuring X (2) professing zeal for law when motive was hate for Healer. Note dei-nec to work 6 days. This was part of God's plan but we don't. Note this point might be put as a 3rd thing in regularity.

## II. Hypocrisy Denounced, 15-17.

- A. The Outline of the Denunciation. Argument from lesser to greater. Talmud said water could be drawn for animals but must not be carried to animal in a vessel. Shouldn't daughter of Abr receive better treatment than animals. Hypocrisy in setting up forbidden things not forbidden by God and then refusing to apply those to self is real hypocrisy. Vs 16--not only may woman be loosed; she ought to be. "A religion which would honour God by forbidding virtue is self-condemned." Plummer 343.
- B. The Outcome of the Denunciation. Adversaries ashamed. Mk 8:38. Means disappointed too. For works being done by Him. Note that antagonism to truth only aggravated by additional evidence. What a revelation of real character of these people who are embarrassed by X and His work. Cf demoninations ashamed of YFC etc. People rejoiced.