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8. The Daughter of Abraham

Using the crippled woman Jesus healed on the Sabbath (Luke 13), this chapter argues that healing and freedom are covenant rights belonging to those who are Abraham's seed. The point: she suffered eighteen years not because God's Word failed, but because she didn't know what was hers. The same is true for believers today who don't claim the covenant.

Key takeaways

- Jesus said 'thou art loosed'—a statement of fact, not a request. Words carried real authority in His ministry.
- The woman had a right to healing because she was a daughter of Abraham. Believers, being 'Abraham's seed,' share that right.
- Israel stayed in bondage 400 years because they lost sight of the covenant, not because it stopped being true. Ignorance, not God's Word, is the problem.
- The Great Commission says 'lay hands on the sick,' not just pray. Preach the gospel first; the signs follow.
- Jesus guarantees the new covenant—it cannot fail unless He fails, and He is love, which never fails.

- Blessings go unclaimed until you personally agree: God says 'As for Me, it is so'; you must say 'As for me, it is so too.'

Passages worth keeping

“Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?”

The chapter's anchor: healing framed as a covenant right, not a favor.

How it connects

If believers are Abraham's seed (Gal. 3), then the covenant rights that freed the bent woman—healing, redemption from the curse, provision—belong to them too, and are activated by confessing them as one's own.

Scripture referenced

- **Luke 13:10-16** -- The healed woman as a daughter of Abraham with a right to be loosed
- **Galatians 3:13-14** -- Redeemed from the curse; the blessing of Abraham
- **Mark 16:15-18** -- Great Commission—preach and lay hands on the sick
- **2 Corinthians 5:19-21** -- The reconciling truth to preach before signs follow
- **Hebrews 7:22** -- Jesus as surety/guarantee of the new covenant