

## **The Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 13:10-17

And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him (KJV)

Today's Gospel is filled with joy about the healing power of the Lord Jesus. Observers of Jesus' healing power rejoiced. The woman healed of the infirmity for eighteen years glorified Jesus Christ.

Glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ is part of the responsible Christian life. Each person is healed by Jesus Christ in ways that are beyond number. The ways Jesus heals each believer is beyond full recognition and identification.

When a careful look is taken at daily life, Jesus' healing powers are revealed. The more a person grows in Christ, the more Jesus' healing actions are apparent. The grateful believer takes time to glorify and thank Jesus for the healings.

Healings come from Christ and are due to Christ's love, goodness and mercy. The woman with the infirmity in the Gospel was bound by Satan. Jesus saw reasons to heal the woman and took action to perform the healing.

Every person is a sinner. Each person's actions are inhibited and restricted by the sins committed. Not all sins are identifiable, acknowledged or recognized. The powers of sin and the inhibiting actions of Satan are destroyed when Jesus acts.

Each believer has the opportunity and responsibility to glorify Jesus in daily life. Glorifying Jesus is possible through living a life of love, compassion and forgiveness. Glorifying Jesus occurs by uniting with Jesus in life.

Believers glorify Jesus by partaking of His Precious Body and Blood. Jesus is glorified when others are treated as God's image and likeness. Believers give glory to Christ by welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick and feeding the hungry.

Jesus is glorified when believers are mindful of the imprisoned and when forgiveness abounds in daily relationships. The Holy Scriptures have ample instructions on how to love, glorify and be appreciative of Jesus.

Daily life is an opportunity to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. When Christ is glorified and desired most in life, all else is in proper perspective. During this time of the Nativity Fast, believers are encouraged to reassess the priorities of life.

Jesus Christ is the intended priority of the Christian. Christ is the Goal and the Life of the Christian embraced at Holy Baptism. Living in Christ is possible at every moment of life. Loving Christ and seeking Christ are possible at all times.

God's Holy Church nourishes, guides and gives direction to believers seeking to remain united with Christ. The present Gospel is part of the nourishment, instruction and direction for attentive believers.

Parish life, life in the home and community life offer ways to live in Christ and remain united with Christ. Constant self-evaluation facilitates making the best of each moment of life. The time of life is precious and is not to be wasted.

The time of life comes only once. The time of life remaining for each person is unknown. Life can end abruptly or change unexpectedly. Being grateful to Jesus Christ and glorifying Christ are always timely and beneficial.

The woman in the present Gospel was immediately grateful to Jesus. The people rejoicing over Jesus' healing were responsible in their actions. Too often the society we live in fails to acknowledge and give glory to Jesus Christ.

Believers change the darkness and the illness that exists in present day society by glorifying Jesus. Homes, parishes and communities benefit when the love and healing power of Christ are alive in believers.

The present Gospel message attests to Christ's healing power. Christ opens the eyes of the faithful to His healing power. Christ opens the hearts and minds of the observant and attentive to His healing power and love for the suffering.

Being grateful to Jesus Christ for healing was exemplified in the woman in the present Gospel. The woman is an example for all hearing the present Gospel. Attentive listeners hearing the Gospel have been healed in some way by Christ.

The woman in the Gospel suffered for eighteen years. She came to experience deeply the healing power of Christ. When adversity strikes in life, the healing power of Christ is present to uplift and heal the suffering.

Keeping the present Gospel in mind is a lasting lesson for life. Glorifying Christ is a constant expectation for believers. Glorifying Christ is a grateful response for having been healed, loved and forgiven by Christ.

Renewal in Christ brings renewal in daily relationships in the parish, home and community. Renewal results in joy and glory for Jesus Christ. Every person is a sinner and Jesus rejoices when sinners repent.

Repenting glorifies Christ and demonstrates appreciation for Christ. Repenting is an embracement of Christ's Divinity and manifests love for Christ. Repentance reveals the desire to show love for others in daily life.

Thank God for the Church proclaiming the present Gospel. Thank God for the lesson on healing we all experience. Today and every day may glory and appreciation abound in our lives in for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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