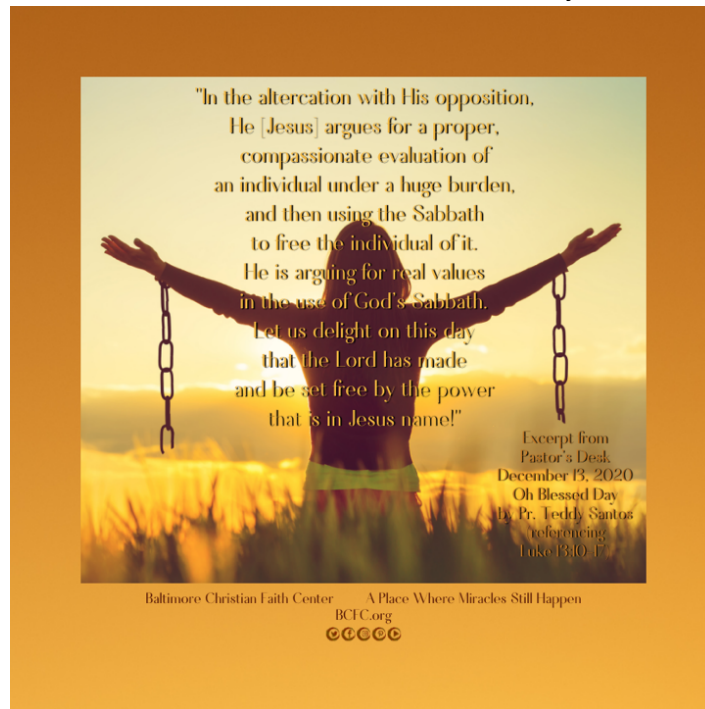


OH BLESSED DAY

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Luke 13:10-17

In this story, a woman was under bondage to an illness - something the enemy had afflicted her with for eighteen years. On this occasion, however, Jesus did not wait for somebody to ask a question, as in other times. He simply went out and did what required to be done. This event reveals God's purpose for the Sabbath very clearly. Our Lord Jesus says, "You are loosed." One is made free, when one is loosed. The lesson is straightforward.

Now, in contrast, there were the Pharisees. To them, the Sabbath was simply laws to obey—their laws, their customs. Then, the Sabbath was inappropriate for loosing somebody from their pain or infirmity to the synagogue ruler.

In verse 15, our Lord Jesus calls him a hypocrite. "Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose (free, untie) his ox or donkey from the stall? So, ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed (freed, delivered, redeemed) from this bond on the Sabbath?"

How clear! Once we observe what the Lord Jesus did and talked about on the Sabbath, it becomes evident that He was amplifying its value. The Sabbath is the day of liberation! It is the day that The Lord has blessed so that we can live free and no longer be brought into bondage. The verbs interpreted as "loose" are the Greek word that signifies "to free."!

In the altercation with His opposition, He argues for a proper, compassionate evaluation of an individual under a huge burden, and then using the Sabbath to free the individual of it. He is arguing for real values in the use of God's Sabbath. Let us delight on this day that the Lord has made and be set free by the power that is in Jesus name!

At His service,

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