

**Faith In Our Oneness  
With Christ**

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The Seed Within**

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# *Introduction*

*This book is meant to bring encouragement to every person that feels trapped in the earth by their own problems and infirmities. It is something that I am personally meditating on deeply and have great need for in my own life. I felt burdened by the Lord to share it with others simply to bless hearts that are needy and hungry like mine. I pray that the Holy Spirit will use these scriptures to lift us up and out of hopelessness and unbelief into a living faith. May our horizons grow broader and broader as we continually see the incredible vastness of our salvation and the beautiful union into which God has brought us.*

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## **Part One: Loosed Unto Our Identity From Above**

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***Luke 13:11-13,16***

# Woman, Thou Art Loosed!

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The scriptures in Luke 13:11-16 will be our guide throughout this study. As we search out this passage we will see the Lord's great love toward us and His desire to loose us from our bondages, bringing us unto Himself in glorious union. Once again, my desire is not to share a teaching but to break bread together as we seek Jesus with all our hearts.

## A Spirit Of Infirmity

*“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.”*

*(Luke 13:11)*

To begin with, we are introduced to a woman who has been in a bad condition for a very long time. Can you imagine what you would feel like if you had been looking down for eighteen years? I know that I would become severely depressed if I continually looked at the earth and myself for that long! It had become so chronic with this woman that her body condition and her walk were disfigured. She was literally crippled up and bound. She was not just sick, but a spirit of infirmity had overtaken her. It is one thing to have an occasional doubt, but a spirit of unbelief will overtake us if we walk bound up in looking down for a long time. Her condition had come to define her essence and controlled her life. She was bound so tightly at this time that she was helpless to lift herself up.

I do not believe the scriptures are random. Jesus walked up to this woman with purpose, and she can become an example that can speak to us right now. Some of us may be struggling or even desperate, but this woman had spent eighteen years in slavery to her condition... and Jesus saw her and walked right up to her! The Lord's eyes did not pass her over as hopeless, but singled her out as an example of hope for us today.

# Come Away

*“And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him,”  
(Luke 13:12a)*

*“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.*

*Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”*

*(Song of Songs 2:10-13)*

Before Jesus did anything to this woman He called her unto Himself. Isn't that the heart of Jesus towards us at all times, that we would just be with Him where He is at? He is drawing her attention away from herself and her condition to look toward Him. We may think the highest issue of importance is our terrible condition or the failures that beset us, but the Lord cares about our love and that we are with Him. Before any healing or loosing began, the call from the heart of Jesus was for her to be with Him.

Jesus is calling us out from our “self – awareness” into “union - awareness”. The burden of His heart is for His bride to be with Him, for His Cross has already made it so. Without Him, she is crippled up and helpless. To constantly consider ourselves and situations as if we were separate from Jesus will bow us down in depression. We were not made to function independent from Christ. Abiding separate from the Lord develops a condition that will continue to deteriorate, even as a branch shrivels up if it is not plugged into the vine. There must come a lifting up into Him Who is our source and fullness. Our faith must once again be lifted up from the earth into our true identity as one with Jesus.

*“And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him.”*

*“Arise, My love, and come away.”*

The voice of the Lord through His Word is drawing us out from our earth identity unto our true identity in Christ. We can let our attention be lifted up from troubles and infirmities into His fullness. He is calling us to “come away” from knowing ourselves in the earth where we feel and sometimes look so dead and hopeless. His desire is foremost that we leave these things to be with Him. He is not first calling us unto overcoming or healing but unto Himself. He is not our escape from problems, but our greatest love that is better than life! The Lord our husband desires to usher us out of ourselves and unto union with Him. He is calling us back to our true identity that is only found in Him. The scripture declares that we are from above, and not from beneath (Gal. 4:26). The Word of God states that we are dead and our life is now hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). We are one with Jesus, and we can let the hearing of faith begin to loose us from cleaving and identifying with the old man and the old earth form. Once again, crippled and bound, Jesus called this woman unto Himself. May we too hear that call and look away from ourselves unto Jesus.

## Loosed By The Cross

*Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. (Luke 13:12b)*

After Jesus brought this woman near, close enough to draw her focus to Himself, He began speaking strong words of liberty. He spoke of her as free, declaring that she was released from her captivity and bondage. His words held authority and reality, and certainly she perceived that they were true. These were wonderful words of life coming from a man who saw her differently than any one ever had before. His eyes saw her, and not her outward infirmity. His heart did not see eighteen years of bondage but a daughter of Abraham, one who was His own and beloved. He was transcending time and situations, speaking to her from a place in Himself that she had never considered. At the hearing of those words, hope must have dawned for the first time in eighteen years within this woman. And is this not true today for us? Hope rises in us when we hear the living Word of God as it proceeds from the heart of the Lord.



In actuality, the true “loosing” was accomplished through Christ’s death, burial and resurrection; but the reality of that finished work must be mixed with faith to become effective in us (Heb. 4:2). The scriptures declare that we have already been planted together in the likeness of His death (Rom. 6:5), and raised up together and made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus in His resurrection (Eph. 2:6). Before we can start walking in that we have to first just believe it and receive the good report through the hearing of faith. The preaching of the Cross is the power of God to those who believe (I Cor. 1:18).

It is Jesus Himself that we long for and not just getting help for our needs and temporal problems. True bondage is living separate from Jesus! No matter what infirmity is encompassing us in the earth, we can still abide in Christ! We do not want to be held back from Him by the very things that His Cross already took care of for us. He has died so that we can have the freedom to be with Him in a union that neither height nor depth can dissipate. We must become persuaded that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Rom. 8: 38-39). There is a greater loosing from ourselves and the earth that we can receive by allowing the Lord to awaken us and open our eyes to what is already true in Christ (Eph. 1:18).

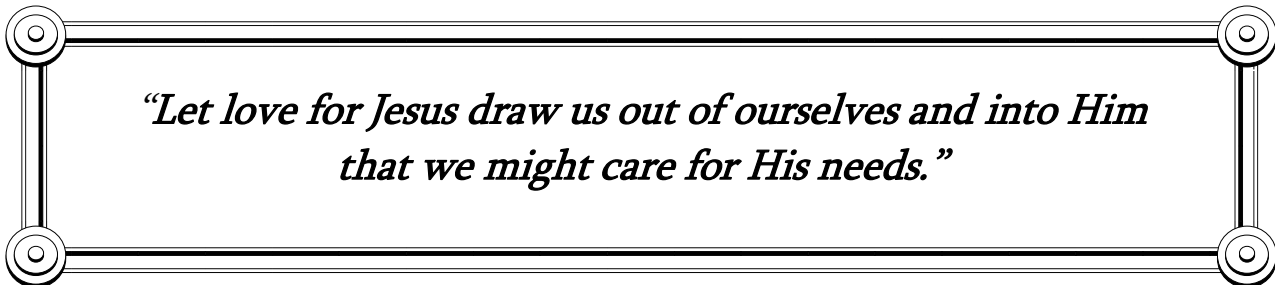
As God’s words of Life and union begin to dawn in our hearts we will see that we are free to leave the old and love Jesus. We are not bound to past failures but crucified with Christ so that we can walk in newness of Life. We are loosed from our guilt and shame by the Cross of Christ! We are released from our old identity and at liberty to embrace and become fully persuaded of all God has declared us to be in His Son. In Christ we are free from condemnation! We are liberated to love Jesus and not hold back because of self awareness. We can lift up our heads that are bowed down with shame and look up into the face of Jesus and find our acceptance in Him. We are free to look straight into His eyes and declare that we believe we are one with Him based on the finished work of His Cross. Jesus said it... “Woman, thou art loosed.” His words of Life need to resonate in our being and fill us until that reality dawns in us with glorious liberty.

# Impartation Through Union

*“And He laid his hands on her.” (Luke 13:13)*

After Jesus spoke those words He laid His hands on this woman. In the scriptures the laying on of hands represents impartation. Jesus was not just speaking words to this woman; He was imparting. What she could not do by herself, she could receive through impartation by the Lord. And what we cannot do by ourselves, we can do through our Lord’s impartation through union. Jesus does not just share teaching with His Church, His words are life giving and we are to partake of them through the hearing of faith.

Greater than Jesus imparting healing to us through laying His hands on us, Jesus imparts all His Life to us through living union. We are not just the objects of His mercy, but the very Body that contains His life. The laying on of hands signified that Jesus was imparting something to someone who was separate from Himself. Yet in the resurrection Jesus does not need to lay hands on His own Body to impart Life. Jesus did something so much greater. He raised us up in Himself as His very own Body, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. We no longer need a touch from a far away God but an awakening to the fact that we already are one with Him and all His fullness is ours through union. As our eyes are opened to see this glorious reality, then our faith will also be lifted up to access freely all that is already ours in Christ. At this point there are two “loosings” to consider. The first is the day that God raised His Son from the dead with us in Him. The second is the day in which that reality breaks forth in our hearts. In that day we will know that we are in Him and He is in us (Jn. 14:20). When we truly see this, scales will drop from our eyes, dead works will fall away, and weakened hands will be lifted up!



*“Let love for Jesus draw us out of ourselves and into Him  
that we might care for His needs.”*

# Immediately!

*“And immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.”  
(Luke 13:13b)*

The fact that immediately she was made straight shows us that it was not a process of her making herself better. In a moment, as she received His word, she was straightened. In the moment that we receive God’s Word, what has always been true of us in Christ is made effectual. Because the Cross has already crucified the old and brought forth the new, the work of it is already settled. It is our hearts that need to become settled as our eyes are opened to behold the reality of our union into Christ (Eph. 1:18). Until that happens we will continually be “bent over” considering our own condition outside of our true identity as one with Jesus.

To walk stooped over and bowed down to the earth is like having a dark shroud over us that blocks out the light of the Son and keeps us smothered in an environment of darkness. It is crippling to live like that. The problem comes more from this horrible shroud than the symptoms it produces of depression and illness. It’s time to cast off that heavy garment and turn towards the Son. Our minds can be blinded by seeing things in the darkness of our own understandings out from the environment of a shrouded heart. We are to look into the Word and into the face of the Lord with an uncovered, unveiled face! The scriptures in II Cor. 3:16-18 say that when the heart turns towards the Lord, a veil that has been covering that heart is taken away so that we can behold the Lord. Now, that is true liberty, to behold the glory of the Lord and be changed into that same image by the Spirit of the Lord!



We can spend eighteen years watching our body cripple up and our situations get worse, or we can let hope begin to arise in our hearts that our eyes can be opened by God to behold wonderful things, things pertaining to life and union in the Son wherein our true identity is hid. Like a little flower that is withering up and dying from lack of sunlight, some of us need to turn our hearts towards Jesus and lift up our heads to the Son and receive His light. In His light we shall have light, and in His face we shall behold a whole new reality. It is a reality that we do not have to earn or make real, only enter into by faith. It is ours already, and He is calling us to come away and be with Him there. At any moment, with the turning of our hearts, we can choose to abide in Christ. “Immediately” she was straightened. Our access is through faith by grace, not works (Rom. 5:1-2). Right now, this moment, even today is your day of salvation. All of the heavens and God Himself will welcome you home to your true abode in the Son! Come away and lift up your eyes to receive by faith the good report of what the Cross of Christ has accomplished! We can hear the words of Jesus and IMMEDIATELY be translated out from our old identity unto oneness with the Son.

## **It Is All About Jesus And His Needs**

More than words, can you hear the heart of Jesus calling you unto Himself? He wants us with Him, dwelling in union and abiding in His bosom, in Christ. It is not for ourselves that we do these things, but to care for the Lord we love. He needs us, He wants us and His desire is towards us. It can be easy to sometimes forget that we are not some crippled up person struggling through life on earth all by ourselves. We are members of the glorious Body of Christ's resurrection. We are not seeking Jesus for truths that will minister to our aching limbs and stooping backs. We are coming to Him as His Bride and Body, seeking that He would not be crippled up by our lack of receiving His Life. He needs to be warmed and covered by that which is His own flesh and bones. What we will not do for ourselves, we can do for Jesus. Let love for Him draw us out of ourselves and into Him that we might care for His needs.



# Prayer

Lord, we want to abide with You in Your place of glorious oneness and union. We want to respond to the call and desire of Your heart. We are turning to You out of love and not to make our lives easier or better in the earth. It is not for ourselves that we do these things, but to care for You, the One we love. Lord, we are not seeking for truths that will minister to our aching limbs and stooping backs. We are coming to You as Your Bride and Body, desiring that You would not be crippled up by our lack of receiving the reality of this Life-giving union that You purchased with scars. We want You to be warmed and covered by that which is Your own flesh and bones. We are sorry for being so preoccupied with our own body on the earth that we have forgotten who we really are. Forgive us for functioning unto ourselves rather than unto You as Yours. May You be ministered unto as we respond to Your Word in faith. Amen.

# Part One Study Questions

- What does it tell about the heart of Jesus that He noticed the woman that was stooped over and walked right up to her? What does this tell us; that the Lord's eyes did not pass her over as hopeless, but singled her out as an example of hope for us today?
- Before Jesus did anything to this woman He called her unto Himself. Before any healing or loosing began, the call from the heart of Jesus was for her to be with Him. How can we more clearly see the priorities of the Lord's heart to us from this example?
- How can abiding separate from the Lord develop a condition that will continue to deteriorate? How can that condition be likened unto a branch shriveling up when it is not plugged into the vine?
- It is sometimes difficult to respond to the call to "come away" from knowing ourselves in the earth because we may feel and look so dead and hopeless. In what ways can our faith respond the Word of Jesus' heart instead of the unbelief that comes through looking at ourselves?
- In what ways can we embrace a deeper release from living unto ourselves and the elements of this earth through allowing the Lord to awaken us and open our eyes to what is already true in Christ?
- Why is it true that we are released from our old identity and at liberty to embrace and become fully persuaded of all God has declared us to be in His Son?
- At any moment, with the turning of our hearts, we can choose to abide in Christ. The woman in Luke chapter thirteen was "immediately" straightened when she received the Word of the Lord's heart. In what ways can we embrace our identity as one with Jesus and be immediately lifted out of ourselves in the earth?

# Part One Group Discussion Questions

*These following statements can be used as topics  
for group discussion or personal meditation.*

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- Jesus was speaking to this woman from a place in Himself that she had never considered. Hope rises in us when we hear the living Word of God as it proceeds from the heart of the Lord. His words of Life need to resonate in our being and fill us until His reality dawns in us with glorious liberty.
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- We no longer need a touch from a far away God but an awakening to the fact that we already are one with Him and all His fullness is ours through union. As our eyes are opened to see this glorious reality, then our faith will also be lifted up to access freely all that is already ours in Christ.
- Until our hearts turn towards the Lord Himself we will continually be “bent over” considering our own condition outside of our true identity as one with Jesus.
- We are not crippled up people struggling through life on earth all by ourselves. We are members of the glorious Body of Christ’s resurrection. We are not seeking Jesus for truths that will minister to our aching limbs and stooping backs. We are coming to Him as His Bride and Body, seeking that He would not be crippled up by our lack of receiving His Life.

# **Learning To Trust The Seed Within**

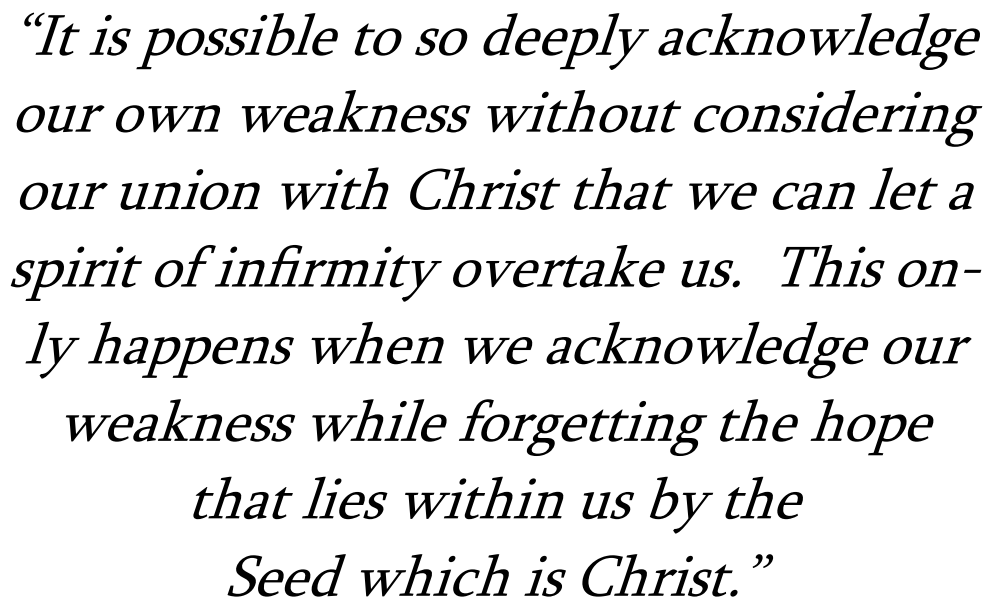


## **Part Two: The Loosing Of The Seed**

## A Relationship of Fullness

In part one we looked at the scriptures in Luke 13:11-16 and discussed being loosed unto our identity from above. The focus of that section dealt with entering into our union and position in Christ through faith. What wonderful liberty to finally put off the old and find our life in Christ alone! Rather than knowing ourselves in our earthly form, failures, and issues; we can turn our eyes to heavenly places in Christ where our true identity is found.

In this part we will discuss how the heavenly places in Christ that we look unto, identify in, and embrace are also to be understood as who we are now in our daily walk. Our position in Christ is not a far away splendor but a relationship that brings us into His fullness. An intimate union has taken place wherein Christ from above can dwell in earthen vessels and find expression.

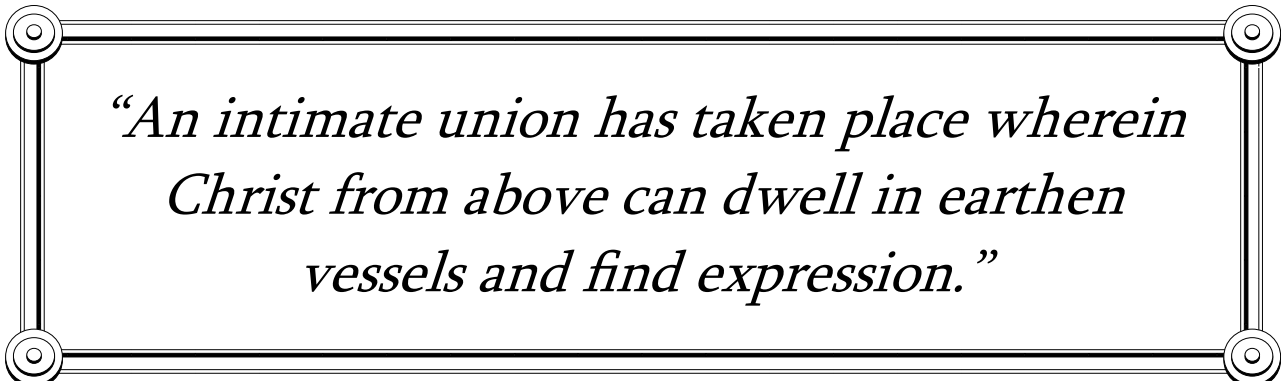


*“It is possible to so deeply acknowledge our own weakness without considering our union with Christ that we can let a spirit of infirmity overtake us. This only happens when we acknowledge our weakness while forgetting the hope that lies within us by the Seed which is Christ.”*

## Two Great Loosings

There are two great “loosings” that we are considering in these articles. One is “upward” as we come away from ourselves to abide in Christ and identify in Him. The other “loosing” is within and through us as the Life of Christ breaks free in manifestation. A union has taken place through the Cross of Christ so that now we are free to live in Him and He is free to live in us. These great realities do not exist independently from one another for they both function through union. To put it simply, we are not discussing a doctrine, a miracle, or a kind of faith that has no real substance. We are embracing a relationship with Christ that eventually fills all things with His Life. To fully enter into that union requires that we dwell in Christ AND that Christ dwells in us! Therefore, not only are we loosed unto our identity from above, but we must also allow the Life of Christ that is in us to be released unto glorious expression.

To bring forth Christ is not the work of the flesh. It is not through our own labors and striving that we become fruitful in His Life. It is when we become fully persuaded concerning our own barrenness and inability that we can finally turn our focus to the Seed of Christ. Our faith is in the Seed and not in ourselves. We must forget about our condition and once again lift our eyes to behold Christ with a faith that says, “I am in union with Christ in all His fullness!” His potential becomes the object of our faith.



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## “So Shall Thy Seed Be”

*“And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”*

*(Genesis 15:5)*

*“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy Seed, which is Christ.”*

*(Galatians 3:16)*

In Genesis 15:5 God told Abram to look into the heavens and try to count all the stars. As Abram was trying to comprehend the vastness and immeasurable fullness of the heavens, God told him that his seed would be as the heavens he was beholding. Here we find a man discovering that God wanted more than just our comprehension of heavenly places, but for the fullness of heavenly places to dwell in us through the Seed, which Seed is Christ (Gal. 3:16). Ephesians 1:3 tells us that the heavenly places God is referring to are only found in Christ. Christ Himself, in all His fullness, filling all things, is the heavenly place we behold. Now we are no longer foreigners standing afar off looking at the glorious magnitude of Christ in heavenly places, we are partakers of all that fullness because we are joined to Him and the body of His expression.

Instead of looking unto Jesus, we can choose to look within ourselves and try to measure our capacity to bring forth based on our own strengths and weaknesses. In such a view our entire potential will be based upon our own resources. Can you imagine what the crippled up woman would feel if she based her faith on her own stature? If we look at ourselves we will lose our faith. We are to look into Christ and find our potential in Him for He alone is our resource of Life! Just like Abram, we must look up and see all the fullness of the risen Christ and then realize that if Christ is truly in us then, “so shall our Seed be.” We can bring forth according to His abundance and not our personal lack.



# The Seed in Bondage

*“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?” (Luke 13:16)*

*“Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”  
(Galatians 3:7, 16)*

At this point we are going to return to the scriptures in Luke chapter thirteen. In this passage Jesus referred to the crippled woman as “a daughter of Abraham”. We must look into the Word of God to understand what it means to be a “daughter of Abraham.” Galatians tells us that those who are the children of Abraham are of faith, and that this faith is in relationship to the Seed which is Christ in the believer. These scriptures define those who are of Abraham as those who have put their faith in the Seed, just like Abraham did. That is such good news for all of us who are weary with trying to make ourselves better! Praise God, old tired Abraham understood what it meant to believe in something that would come forth from him but was not him! That may sound like a riddle, but it simply means that Christ in us is our hope of bringing God glory and not our own righteousness and abilities (Col. 1:27). As we come to understand this, then our hearts can begin to exult in faith even before we see the fruit come forth! Rejoice oh barren and break forth into singing for you shall bring forth many more than those who do so in the power of their own flesh (Is. 54: 1)! When our hearts comprehend this then our faith will begin to “enlarge the place of thy tent and lengthen thy cords” as we prepare ourselves as the place of His habitation (Is. 54:2-3).

Let us return to this daughter of Abraham in Luke chapter thirteen. Even though Jesus saw her as one who represented those who would have the Seed of Christ in them, she had been bound up by Satan for eighteen years. Maybe we should pause for a moment and reflect on that point. Consider eighteen years of torment and constant bondage. She was crippled up and bowed down. Satan had been pushing her mind, eyes and body down into dark depression. Satan was turning her face away from the Son, keeping her eyes on her condition and the dirt of the earth.

She must have felt so alone and desperate, ashamed of her lifestyle and set apart for rejection. Satan, the father of lies, was wrapping her up in the greatest lie of all... that she was without hope and separate from the Son. His strategy is still the same! He attacks those who have been born again of incorruptible Seed, with the same tactics (I Pet. 1:23). We can become so wrapped up in our own condition that we forget that Christ is in us. Our eyes can become so filled with the dirt of the earth that they can no longer see the Son. Our minds become so full of our own problems that we forget the Word of God that declares all the promises that are made to the Seed, which Seed is in us... which Seed is Christ. Jesus knew that Satan was holding a woman captive who had been set apart for freedom, the freedom of the Son.



Satan's purpose is not bound up in causing us personal pain. His goal is to destroy the ground of our hearts so that we will no longer have faith in the Seed of Christ. The Seed cannot grow in ground that is filled with unbelief and self awareness. Wrapping up our hearts and minds in our own infirmities and a failure mentality can suffocate and restrict the life of Christ within. But God "straightens" us to put all our faith in the Son so that eventually we can release the Seed from His bondage and allow the life of Christ to flow freely from us. God is clearing the way for His Son to come forth. The entanglements will fall off as we give place to His fullness rather than the worries and fears that can cripple and entrap us in our own selves.

# Our Only Hope

Our only hope is through oneness. We are lame and bowed down to the earth, unable to rise up or come away apart from the grace of God that has brought us into union with His Son. At times we may become bound by the enemy, even though the Seed of God is inside. The Seed can be held captive by the infirmity of only acknowledging our condition in the flesh. This mindset can go to such a degree that someone can have an all encompassing spirit of infirmity that has bowed them down so deeply that the Seed is all but forgotten. At such a time we must see that it is not just that we are crippled up, but that the Seed is lying dormant within us. It is possible to so deeply acknowledge our own weakness without considering our union with Christ that we can let a spirit of infirmity overtake us. This only happens when we acknowledge our weakness while forgetting the hope that lies within us by the Seed which is Christ.

Although this woman was “a daughter of Abraham”, Satan had bound her. All the promise of Life through Christ from within is ours, but a great stooping and bowing down can overcome us at times, even beyond our own ability to straighten again. And so, our hearts, eyes and faith must turn to embrace our only hope... that we are in Christ and He is in us. God has made this true by the work of His Cross and not the labors of our flesh. We can rest in God’s finished work. We can enter into all the fullness of Christ by faith. We can believe the good report and trust that it is true even when we look and feel like a crippled up and hopeless person. Jesus said, “Ought not this woman be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” The Sabbath day represents the day that God entered into His rest because His work was finished. If God has already made us one with Jesus and that fact is settled in His heart, then why should we remain shackled in bondage and stooped over in separation from Him? In effect Jesus was declaring that if the work is finished, shouldn’t this woman be free to enter into His rest? Today is the day and right now is the moment that our faith can begin to turn from ourselves to the glorious reality of union into Christ through the finished work of His Cross.

# The Loosing of the Seed

God is growing us in the knowledge of the Seed, and as that happens the Seed seems to take more ground in us. God is not seeking to make the earthen vessels (us) into the Seed (Christ). We are not improving the containers but cultivating the Seed. He is the treasure and we are the vessel that contains Him (II Cor. 4:7). Our weaknesses can even facilitate the bursting forth of His resources rather than our own. To truly release us from our infirmity is to release us unto the Seed. We are not truly made free by solving every problem, answering every question, settling every issue and curing every injury. Freedom is found through living in the Son! As we are carried by the Life of Another we are lifted out from our infirmities by the glorious liberty of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:2). And so eventually the outer shell of our own weakness and lack has to give way to the Seed of Christ within. We must be loosed from that outer man that is perishing to allow the inner man (which is Christ) to come forth (II Cor. 4:16). At that time there will be the advent of the inner man rather than a strengthening of the outer shell. We are loosed from that form in all of it's infirmity unto newness of Life. New life will break free and break forth from the hard and brittle shell that was holding it in.

The scriptures declare of Christ that "death could not be holden upon Him" (Acts 2:24-27). If we truly are the body that contains Christ the incorruptible Seed, then we shall not be held by the death that can encompass us. Incorruption cannot be held by corruption. All our hope is in knowing that the incorruptible Seed in us cannot be held by our own weakness and corruptibility. This Seed will spring forth and blossom, even though we know not how (Mark 4:27). There are times when we must look one another in the eyes and say, "Brother (or sister), you are a child of Abraham and the Seed of promise which is Christ is in you. You shall bring forth and not be held back by your own barrenness. The sweet savor of Abraham's Seed will break free from the husk of your earthiness, and from you will flow rivers of Living waters." The potential for the unleashing of Life that is in this incorruptible Seed is unfathomable. The Body of Christ may at times appear bowed down and bound up, but within us is a Seed that, according to Genesis 24:60, can bring forth "thousands of millions" if only it can find release.

# Thousands Of Millions

*“And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.”*

*(Genesis 24:60)*

*“A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.”*

*(Song of Solomon 4:12,15)*

In the last paragraph we quoted a scripture in Genesis that exhorted Rebekah to “let thy seed” bring forth thousands of millions and possess the gate of her enemies. Think about that, “thousands of millions”. We cannot fully comprehend the capacity for Life that is in the Seed of Christ. The gates of our enemies are possessed in the bringing forth of Christ and not through our own personal merits. All victory and fruitfulness is only attainable through the bringing forth of Christ by faith in the Seed.

In the Song of Solomon the Bride is referred to as a garden enclosed and a fountain sealed (Song of Solomon 4:12). In another place she is described as a fountain of gardens (Song of Solomon 4:15). Think of that, “a fountain of GARDENS.” There is so much Life in the Bride of Christ, whether she realizes it or not. All of that fullness is in her because the Seed of Christ is in her. His life in us can bring forth without measure. His is the power of an endless life. RIVERS of living water will flow from our innermost being (Jn. 7:38). So far we have quoted verses that speak of gardens and rivers. How can words sufficiently describe those vast and limitless resources of Christ’s life in the believer? If we saw past our walls and weaknesses and put all of our hope in the Seed that is within us, we would have a spirit of faith rather than a spirit of infirmity. We would be abounding with faith for we would see how far this Seed can carry us once it is released to flow forth in Life. Christ within gives us life abundantly, and our faith can abound at the very thought of it. Look up and try to count the stars in the heavens and then try to calculate the capacity of the Seed of Christ to bring forth Life through you. There is no set measure upon the Son, for the Spirit was given to Him without measure (Jn. 3:34). He will flow forth as rivers and gardens of life giving waters. And He will come forth out of US, weak earthen vessels that contain eternal treasure... Christ within.

## Let It Grow

*“Then said he, unto what is the kingdom of God like, and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it. And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”*

*(Luke 13:18-21)*

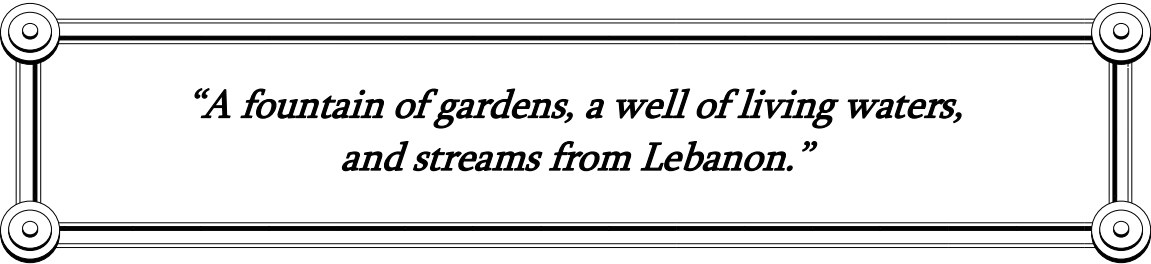
In Luke 13, after Jesus loosed this woman from her infirmity, He began teaching about the Kingdom of God. Interestingly, He began speaking of a very small seed that was cast into a garden and eventually became a great tree that brought rest and lodging to others. In like manner Jesus spoke about a bit of leaven hidden in some bread dough that eventually caused the entire loaf to rise. Once again our attention is turned to consider the power of something very small that is cast into a garden or lump of dough. That very small seed or bit of leaven is able to rise up and spring forth in ways that we would never imagine. What a wonderful picture of how the Seed of Christ in us can come forth and affect everything.

Think of the marvel Abram must have felt when God told him that he would be a father of nations and exceedingly fruitful (Gen. 17:6). He was ninety nine years old when God told Abram that his elderly wife Sarah would be a mother of nations and kings of people should be of her. Abram literally fell on his face and started laughing (Gen. 17:16-17). Remember, we are talking about the father of faith! It can be very difficult to believe that anything of God can come out of us when we look at ourselves. If we are going to consider ourselves, then we must look towards the Seed (which is Christ) that God has placed in us. If we do not consider the Seed of Christ and look only to our own resources, then we will either fall down laughing or become bound up in depression. Only by placing all our hope in the Seed can we begin to have faith like Abraham did. When we see all the potential for life and fruitfulness that is in the Seed, then we can release our faith like an arrow from its bow. Such faith will transcend human frailties, impossible situations and join with Christ in a union that will eventually bear fruit.

## Conclusion

“Woman, thou art loosed” were the words Jesus spoke to the woman bowed down with her own infirmity. And today those same words of Life are true for us! We are loosed unto union with Christ and unto releasing His Life by the Seed of Christ within.

Can you hear the Word of God speaking to us today? We are free from the confinement of our own weakness and inability. We can break loose from ourselves by releasing the Seed of Christ that is within. We must give the Seed time to sprout and blossom. We can give the incorruptible Seed space to send forth roots deep into the soil of our hearts and minds. We will be filled and renewed as we grow in the knowledge of the Seed. This Seed will burst forth into the beauty and expression of the Son. Another spirit will replace our harsh and unchanging attitudes. The fruit of this Seed will bring mercy, peace, longsuffering, and gentleness where once there only strife and lack of care. We must not bow down in depression over our own wretchedness, but bow down like a gardener to tend to the Seed that God has planted in us. We can groom our hearts to contain Christ and release His spirit from deep within. The truth is, we need to release the Seed unto His expression instead of worrying about the infirmities of the container. Christ in us is held prisoner while our attention is upon ourselves and the earth. Let us join with the faith of Abraham, and hope against hope by considering not our own bodies while believing the promise that was made to this Seed (Rom. 4:19). We cannot and will not produce what only Christ in us can be. But we CAN join with God in faith and begin to cultivate ourselves as a place wherein He can dwell. May we lift up our eyes and embrace our identity from above. Let us open up our hearts and become fertile soil for the Seed of Christ to grow in. May we be loosed from the old ways and become straightened to receive Christ in all union and fullness! \*\*\*



*“A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters,  
and streams from Lebanon.”*



# Prayer

Lord, forgive me for being consumed with my own condition rather than caught up in Your Heart and Person. Thank you for making me one with You and putting Your Life in me. Holy Spirit, I ask You to open my eyes to see the beauty of this union that I have entered into with and in Christ. May I cherish His Life in me above my own life in the earth. Father, I trust You to cultivate the ground of my heart that I might be a vessel that allows Christ to have expression and increase. I love You and rejoice in the wonder of Your love and care. Thank You for making us partakers of Life through union into the Son. Amen.

## Part Two Study Questions

- We must forget about our condition and lift our eyes to behold Christ with a faith that says, “I am in union with Christ in all His fullness!” Why is His potential the object of our faith rather than our own limitations?
- Explain why we are no longer foreigners standing afar off looking at the glorious magnitude of Christ in heavenly places? How have we been made partakers of all Christ’s fullness?
- How can wrapping up our hearts and minds in our own infirmities and failures suffocate and restrict the life of Christ within?
- If God has already made us one with Jesus and that fact is settled in His heart, then why should we remain shackled in bondage and stooped over in separation from Him?
- Explain what this statement means: “We are not improving the containers but cultivating the Seed”.
- Explain what this statement means: “To truly release us from our infirmity is to release us unto the Seed”.
- What does this statement mean to you: “The potential for the unleashing of Life that is in this incorruptible Seed is unfathomable”?
- What does Genesis 24:60 say about the potential of Rebekah’s seed? What does that say concerning the Seed of Christ in us?
- How can terms such as “a fountain of gardens” and “rivers of Living water” describe those vast and limitless resources of Christ’s life in the believer?
- In what ways can we groom our hearts to contain Christ and release His spirit from deep within?

# Part Two Group Discussion Questions

*These following statements can be used as topics  
for group discussion or personal meditation.*

- An intimate union has taken place wherein Christ from above can dwell in earthen vessels and find expression. Our position in Christ is not a far away splendor but a relationship that brings us into His fullness.
- When we become fully persuaded concerning our own barrenness and inability we can finally turn our focus from ourselves to the Seed of Christ. Our faith is in the Seed and not in ourselves.
- Just like Abram, we must look up and see all the fullness of the risen Christ and then realize that if Christ is truly in us then, “so shall our Seed be.” We can bring forth according to His abundance and not our personal lack.
- We can become so wrapped up in our own condition that we forget that Christ is in us. Our eyes can become so filled with the dirt of the earth that they can no longer see the Son.
- The entanglements will fall off as we give place to His fullness rather than the worries and fears that can cripple and entrap us in our own selves.
- It is possible to so deeply acknowledge our own weakness without considering our union with Christ that we can let a spirit of infirmity overtake us. This only happens when we acknowledge our weakness while forgetting the hope that lies within us by the Seed which is Christ.
- If we saw past our walls and weaknesses and put all of our hope in the Seed that is within us, we would have a spirit of faith rather than a spirit of infirmity.
- We must not bow down in depression over our own wretchedness, but bow down like a gardener to tend to the Seed that God has planted in us.

# **Personal Notes**