



Changing the Reference Point

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Study Notes

Sometimes what we perceive as reality isn't real.

In our natural state, we are not impressed by the mercy of God - we're indignant.

I. A Sabbath Conflict (13:10)

When Jesus brings the Kingdom, He changes the reference point of life.

Takeaway: Your level of happiness is determined by your reference point.

II. A Suffering Cripple (13:11)

The woman had the reference point of the fall.

She could only see the earth.

She was the result of Genesis 3.

Jesus loosed her and changed her view.

Takeaway: Like this woman, we are broken, bound, and hopeless.

III. A Sympathetic Christ (13:12-13)

Jesus had the reference point of grace.

He saw in her the image of God.

He saw her as a daughter of Abraham.

He saw her as a victim of Satan.

He saw Himself as the God of mercy and the conqueror of Satan.

Jesus takes the initiative. He sees her. He touches her. He looses her.

The Kingdom of God has come and Jesus reverses the curse.

Takeaway: Jesus lifts our eyes from our brokenness and works-based righteousness and reveals to us His salvation.

IV. A Sanctimonious Critic (13:14)

The ruler of the synagogue had the reference point of the law.

He could only see the violation.

He was the result of self-righteousness.

He couldn't rejoice because he was bound by the law.

Takeaway: Like this ruler, we are selfish, self-righteous, and self-serving.

V. A Stinging Correction (13:15-16)

The ruler is just as broken as the woman, but he doesn't know it.

Takeaway: Are you more zealous for the Lord or for the law?

VI. A Spellbound Crowd (13:17)

Takeaway: It's not what happens to you, but how you see what happens to you that really matters.

Jesus is the only one who can loose us from ourselves.