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13: Verse 5, "Jesus said that notion has to be changed, or we get the results of it." There must be something, then, to change it to. How do we radically change our thoughts if we don't want to be subject to chance or fate? It must be the *opposing* mental state which would have to be God's invariable, unerring direction.

Verses 10 through Verse 17 are a healing found only in Luke (Verse 11) A woman with a spinal difficulty is in a synagogue. Notice that Luke doesn't say she has an infirmity. Luke, who is reputed to have been a physician, doesn't even diagnose it as an infirmity but as a "*spirit of infirmity*," a sense of infirmity, a concept, a spirit, a thought. "*She was bowed together. She couldn't lift up herself.*"

Verse 12. Jesus comes and announces to womanhood something that could be applicable in many ways, not just this one time. "*Woman you are free from thine infirmity.*" Verse 13. "*She's made straight and glorifies God.*"

Verse 14. Incredible, "*the ruler of the synagogue*" in which this grand healing and correction of a human problem occurred "*answered with indignation*"

Jesus' explanation about the cause of disease is in Verse 16. No longer should there be any room in Christian thought that disease stems from God or is God's will when Jesus attributes it directly to anything that would oppose God. Only what would oppose God could impose something on man that God Himself never created in His whole man. Is that a new theology? Satan and disease linked, and not God as the cause of loss, or pain, or sickness?

Because if it is, he defines Satan as a liar as Jesus does in John (8:44). Satan has bound this woman with an infirmity that has her bent over, and has accomplished this for eighteen years (Luke 13:16). And Satan is "*a liar and the father of it.*" Satan's works must be lies as well. If they are, they can be corrected mentally, by a full recognition of what is true. Notice that Satan does the binding. Jesus said (John 8:32), "*Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

It's a contest between the truth and the lie about God and His theology, about man, about woman, about children and about disease. If Satan is a liar, he will never change his character. Our idea of God may have gone haywire, but God has not moved.