

# More Than Meets The Eyes

(Luke 13:10-17)

- Introduction:
1. Sometimes we measure people up by what we see very superficially.
  2. Oftentimes, after doing this, we have to back up and admit that our initial judgment was incorrect.
  3. Such is the case with an account contained in Luke 13.
  4. As the account begins, we see a woman who was bent out of shape, but by the end of the account, we come to realize she was “straighter” than we realized.
  5. Let’s consider this account together.

## I. A Bent Out Of Shape Lady

- A. (Luke 13:10-13).
- B. For 18 years, this woman had to endure the hardships of physical oppression brought upon her by Satan.
- C. In spite of being “bent,” please notice that her priorities were a lot straighter than many people who walk erect!
- D. It would be much better to have bent bodies and straight bodies than to have straight bodies and bent priorities!

## II. A Bent Out Of Shape Leader

- A. (Luke 13:14).
- B. First, notice his tactics...he’s mad at Jesus and addresses the crowd (Matthew 18:15).
- C. Isn’t it sad to see the lack of compassion some people have on the plight of their fellow man?
- D. I wonder what this man would have said if he was the one who had been suffering for 18 years.

## III. A Bent Out Of Shape Law

- A. (Luke 13:15-17).
- B. Jesus makes a poignant and humiliating point...“you guys do more for your animals than your argument allows me to do for this poor lady!”
- C. (Matthew 12:12) Jesus’ commentary on the Sabbath law was quite different than the commentary of the Jewish leaders of his day.
- D. The faith can be bent so out of shape that it no longer resembles the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
- E. Some Christians today still carry around their “Mishnahs.”

- Conclusion:
1. What physically happened to this lady continues to happen spiritually today.
  2. Bound by Satan, unable to stand upright in the presence of God, Jesus can cast out Satan, and stand us upright in the presence of God.
  3. Why not accept what Jesus can do for you today.