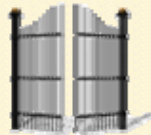


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This months *coloured attachment* scripture is Ruth 2:4

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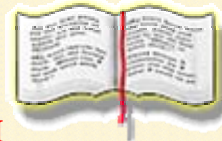
Spiritual and material benefits are given as gifts by God to be enjoyed. He is the source of all blessings. **The condition of God's blessings is to obey and revere Him.** There are God's blessings of peace, victory, restoration, fruitfulness and prosperity. However, disobedience and sin can cause God to remove His blessing.

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 **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that Jesus stopped teaching and healed a crippled woman, bent double for eighteen years. During this one incident Jesus broke seven Traditional Jewish Laws, which were man-made extensions of God's Laws? **1.** He acknowledged a woman in public. **2.** He called to her and asked her to come to Him in public. **3.** He allowed her to enter the men's section of the Synagogue.

4. He touched a woman in public. 5. He brought her onto the speaker's podium in the centre of the Synagogue. 6. He allowed her to be in the place of honour in front of the important Jewish Teachers of the Synagogue. 7. He healed her on the Sabbath. The woman praised God.



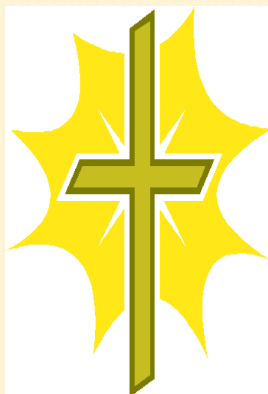
There is a colouring in page of Jesus healing the woman in the temple at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/image12.html>

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**AN APRIL EVENT**-Some only pretend to be apostles of Christ draped in religious robes. The word *inquisition*, similar to *inquire* and *inquest*, refers to the judicial organization authorized by the medieval church to uproot heresy. Earlier the church had excommunicated heretics, as most church leaders had opposed physical sentences. As heresy flourished, official procedure and attitudes changed. On **April 20, 1233** Pope Gregory IX issued two edicts, delegating the prosecution of heresy to the Dominican order. These Inquisitors roamed the countryside, cautioning heretics to confess. Those who did not were brought to trial. **Pope Innocent IV had allowed the use of torture to gain repentance**; suspects were flogged, burned, slashed, frozen, stretched, and suspended by their limbs. Inventions included thumbscrews for crushing thumbs, boots for slowly crushing feet, and the dreaded *Jungfer*, or "iron maid." Children and the elderly could be "lightly" tortured, and only pregnant women were exempt—until after delivery. The Inquisition operated in Germany, France and Italy, and in Spain and fashioned itself against Jews, Blacks, and Protestants. It made a show of being religious, but in brutal dungeons it was the very enemy of the One they claimed to follow.

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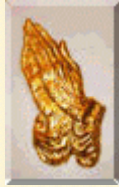


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**Heavenly Father,** We give you all the glory, praise and thanksgiving. It is because of Christ that You accept us into Your Presence and that You Favour us with Salvation and Blessings of goodness. **In Jesus' Name, Amen. +**

