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Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

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"Clergy have a golden opportunity to prevent some of the accumulated misapprehension, guilt, aggressive action, and other roots of later mental suffering and mental disease. How? Preach! Tell it like it is. Say if from the pulpit. Cry it from the housetops.

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What shall we cry? Cry comfort, cry repentance, cry hope. Because recognition of our part in the world transgression is the only remaining hope."

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