

The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 18 - Part 1

He Parts From His Wife - Diseases Attack Him Under Captain Consumption, and He Rots Away and Dies in Sinful Security (pages 106-108)

In **Proverbs 10:7** it says; "*The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.*" You could pull up in your mind the names of a half dozen wicked men and women in this century; whether they are criminals, politicians, leaders, or corrupt Christian leaders whose names will rot or are rotting. Nothing good can be said about them at all. This is what happened to Badman; the legacy of sin, the lives that he destroyed, those he bankrupt, the homes of women that he went into and committed adultery with, his children who he raised to follow in his wicked footsteps, all the prostitutes he was with probably...all of their lives were destroyed because of his wickedness and the memory of him is rotten.

Attentive and Wiseman say the following; "**Attentive:** *The one that dies with a life full of sin, and with a heart void of repentance, although he should die of the most exquisite disease — if there were anything that might be called exquisite — I will guarantee that his name will stink, and that in heaven and earth.*

Wiseman: *You're quite right! And that is true of the names of Cain, Pharaoh, Saul, Judas, and the Pharisees. Though dead for thousands of years, they stink as fresh in the nostrils of the world as if they had just died.*"

Not only on earth will a person's wickedness smell rotten, but heaven is very aware of the wickedness both now and for eternity. As Christians or as righteous one, whose memory will be blessed; we're to be dead to sin and have no part of it.

Let's read **Romans 6:1-12**; "*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.*"

The Apostle Paul strongly says that grace is not to be misused in the Christian life to keep on sinning. The only time you're not free from sin is if you're still living for self, wanting to walk independently from the crucified life. If you're still alive in sin, you have not died with Christ.

Wiseman says this; "*The three thousand that were converted (in Acts 2:41), didn't repent till they had sight and sense of their sins. Paul didn't repent till he had sight and sense of his sins. (Acts 9:11-12) The jailer and his household didn't repent without sight and sense of their sins; nor could they. (Acts 16:29-31) Of what should a man repent? The answer is, of sin. What does it mean to repent of sin? The answer is, to be sorry for it, and turn away from it. But how can someone be sorry for it when he has neither sight nor sense of it? "*

There needs to be an awareness and conviction of sin before a person can repent. If you have no conviction that you need to be born again because you're a sinner, you won't repent and can't be a Christian. I'd venture to say

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that church pews around the world are filled with people who haven't believed that they're sinners needing to be saved and born again...but they're in church. Maybe like Badman; to look good to society, strike business deals, find a weak-willed person to be their spouse....well the list goes on doesn't it.

Romans 6:15-23 talks about being from slaves of sin to slaves of God. *"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 6 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Wiseman says the following two statements. *"For it is yet fresh before us that Mr. Badman had a sight and sense of sin in that bout of sickness he had earlier, but it died without procuring any such godly fruit, as was manifest by his so soon returning like the dog to its vomit."*

WISEMAN. *Another proof is this: he did not desire a sight and sense of sins, that he might repent of them. Did I say he did not desire it? I add, he greatly desired to remain in his security, and I shall prove that by what follows. First, of all, he couldn't stand anyone talking to him of his sinful life, and yet that is the way to beget a sight and sense of sin, and thus a repentance from it in his soul"*

Mr. Badman did have when he was first sick a sense of sin in his life, but he turned a deaf ear to it and returned to his former life when he was better. But now on his deathbed, he did not want anyone to point out that he had sin in his heart! Does that sound familiar today in our churches? I'd like to share a segment from a blog by Steven Kozar at www.piratechristian.com.

"Seeker Friendly Churches: The "attractional" church model is so common that it's practically the norm; most Christians have assumed that it is the only valid way to "do church" nowadays, or they don't even know that other legitimate options exist. What is it? Simply put, this model of church starts with the idea that "normal" church is unattractive and can't bring in new people, so exciting new ideas must be implemented in order to get people in the door. Once people show up for the attractive and entertaining aspects, they'll eventually hear a gospel message and they'll "accept Jesus in their hearts" (or something to that effect).

This philosophy makes a number of assertions and assumptions right from the start:

The needs and sensibilities of the unbeliever should determine the strategy of the church.

All of the churches in history (up till now) were doing it wrong: too old-fashioned, too boring, too stiff, too negative, too much doctrine, too ritualistic, etc.

People would be glad to go to church, but it's just too "churchy." All we need to do is tone down all the religious stuff, make it fun and "relevant" and people will show up.

A church should focus on meeting people's needs through "life skills," "success," "psychological therapy" and "leadership" training, and it should help its members become "purpose-driven" people who can "accomplish

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their destiny." A church doesn't need to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins anymore; or if it does, it must radically alter the language to appease unbelievers.

Numerical growth is proof of God's blessing; lack of numerical growth is proof that God is not involved.

In order to build the church, God needs "vision-casting" pastors, and these pastors must then command their followers to do the work required by the "vision" that God gave them.

A big problem with the Mega-Church message is that it's a watered-down and neutered message. This Christianity is focused on meeting the "felt needs" of people, but the Gospel message is about how Christ gave His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. He didn't die on the cross to give us purpose or make us successful. The true and complete Gospel must be preached so that people can hear the Word of God and can understand the weight of their sin; it's only from that point that people have the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. In the worse case, "Mega-Church" scenario, the message confuses people into thinking that becoming a Christian is simply "accepting" Jesus so that He can make you more complete, or more satisfied.

I'm sure if Mr. Badman would have gone to church anywhere, it would have been to a seeker sensitive church had there been one as described above. Non-confrontational of sin! Are you entertained? The Lord is asking you that question as you read. Obviously Apostles Peter and Paul and all our heroes of faith had it wrong because they only relied on the Holy Spirit, whereas the seeker friendly church seeks to determine what needs to be preached, their strategy and vision, by the needs of the unbeliever, not by the preaching of repentance and living a crucified life.

Hebrews 9:27-28 says; "*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.*" I'd like to quote from Matthew Henry's Commentary on this portion of scripture.

"The appointment of God concerning men contains in it two things:—(1.) That they must once die, or, at least, undergo a change equivalent to death. It is an awful thing to die, to have the vital knot loosed or cut asunder, all relations here dropped at once, an end put to our probation and preparation state, and to enter into another world. It is a great work, and it is a work that can be but once done, and therefore had need to be well done. This is matter of comfort to the godly, that they shall die well and die but once; but it is matter of terror to the wicked, who die in their sins, that they cannot return again to do that great work better. (2.) It is appointed to men that after death they shall come to judgment, to a particular judgment immediately after death; for the soul returns to God as to its judge, to be determined to its eternal state; and men shall be brought to the general judgment, at the end of the world. This is the unalterable decree of God concerning men—they must die, and they must be judged. It is appointed for them, and it is to be believed and seriously considered by them."

It is clear in this scripture that you have a one time opportunity in life to make the choice for Jesus. There is no reincarnation, no second chance, no purgatory for things to change....absolutely nothing. If you don't make a decision for Jesus Christ while you have breath in your lungs, you won't be given a second chance nor second time around where you can get it right. Mr. Badman had no lack of preaching in his life to hear the gospel and repent of his sins. He turned a deaf ear to sin. The same thing is going on in the church world today - no preaching on sin and the need to repent. Not just the repentance to initially receive Jesus into their life, but to live a life of repentance when you do fall into sin because of the weakness of the flesh.

Jesus talks about the wheat and tares in **Matthew 13:24-30**; "*Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a*

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crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

Jesus is clearly talking about men and women whom the devil has sown into the church as they are spiritually 'asleep'. They are not Christians but the devil has planted them there to sow all kinds of compromise. Jesus says to first, bind the tares - the false teachers, false brethren in the churches (Jesus' field) and cast them into hell. Then gather the true Christians into heaven. God is very much aware of the tares, bad men and women in pulpits all over the world, who have been sown by the enemy of the cross, not teaching a crucified walk or repentance with Christ as a Christian, but rather doctrines of devils.

The Holy Spirit is very grieved at what is going on in the church. 'Are you entertained?!' The Lord says to the church, 'Is the Holy Spirit not enough? Is not the Holy Spirit that I poured out at Pentecost not enough? Do you have to ADD all the extra to it. Is not my Holy Spirit enough?'

The Apostle Peter talks about the deceptions of false teachers in **2 Peter 2:18-22** ; *"For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

This is talking about people who have prayed and received Christ into their lives at one time. Badman didn't even pray the prayer of salvation. This is worse though! This is WAY-BAD! Alluring the flesh, swelling words to entice and draw people in, the latest and greatest to draw the crowds into their buildings, promising liberty yet are enslaved themselves. Obviously the Apostle Peter saw in the early church the same thing that continues today. It may just look differently but it's the same spirit behind it. This scripture isn't talking about someone like Badman who hasn't known the Lord, who has hardened their hearts, who has resisted repentance and resisted any preaching on sin, who has resisted any kind of preaching at their deathbed etc. No, this scripture is about Christians who have fallen away and are now false teachers! It says it would have been better for them to have never known Jesus Christ. Their eternal judgment is severe.

Not receiving the preaching about sin and the need for repentance would ultimately lead you down a road of destruction like that of Mr Badman, who after all that was said and done to be able to lead him to repentance, dies a sinner separated from God for eternity in hell. Are you ENTERTAINED? Is the Holy Spirit not ENOUGH?

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