

October 9th, 2016 - The Life and Death of Mr. Badman
Chapter 2 – Badman’s Wicked Behaviour In Childhood - Part 5 (pages 27-30)

An interesting question is posed by Attentive when he asks, "*show me the origin of this evil cursing and what dishonour it brings on God; for I can easily see how it brings damnation on the soul.*" One would think a person curses just to curse, but there are root causes and issues in peoples lives which are clearly laid out.

1. **Envy**; means a feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck. A desire to have a quality, possession, or other desirable attribute belonging to (someone else). Another word would be covet. The Bible definition is the sin of jealousy over the blessings and achievements of others, especially the spiritual enjoyment and advance of the kingdom of Christ freely and graciously bestowed upon the people of God.

I Peter 2:1 says; "*Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and all evil speaking.*", **James 3:15-17** , **Galatians 5:16-21**. **Exodus 20:17**; "*You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*" This is one of the Ten Commandments. The law reveals the truth in our heart, it reveals sin. **Romans 7:7** says; "*What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, if it had not been for the Law, I would not have recognized sin. For I would not have known [for example] about coveting [what belongs to another, and would have had no sense of guilt] if the Law had not [repeatedly] said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."*"

How does envy lead to witchcraft? The prophet Samuel told Saul when he rebelled against God's command in **I Samuel 15:22-23**; "*Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*" If you don't OBEY what God's word commands you to do, no amount of sacrifice - or good works, self-justification or doing things in place of to "appease" God will work. Your rebellion has opened you up to witchcraft - which is bringing a curse upon yourself and produces cursing within you. Witchcraft operates with curses. This kind of witchcraft is worse than what the occult use, because it deals with people who KNOW CHRIST JESUS but rebel against his authority and his word!

You rebel against God's word = You practice witchcraft = You bring a curse on yourself.

2. **Pride**; means a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired. To be especially proud of a particular quality or skill. Isaiah talks about pride being the fall of Lucifer (satan or the devil) in **Isaiah 14:12-15**; "*How you are fallen from heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.*" Beware of puffing yourself up or taking pride in yourself. God is monitoring your heart and mind.

3. **Scorn**; means to feel or express contempt or derision for, reject (something) in a contemptuous way; to refuse to do something because one is too proud. **Proverbs 30:17** says; "*The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.*" It reminds me of the movie, "The Passion", where the thief on the cross who scorned Jesus on the cross had a raven gouge out his eyes! **Psalms 1:1** says; "*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.*"

4. **To curse himself**; **Job 15:2-6** Cursing yourself or cursing people is cursing God himself, because we are made in God's image. **James 3:9**; "*With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not be so.*" This is very powerfully evil. You dishonour God; his handiwork and His image, you make Him a liar.

Our story goes on to talk about three people in particular; the N.P. at Wimbleton, Dorothy Mately and the father of Ned. They are vivid and explicit showing that the curses they spoke over themselves and others came to pass. Ponder for a moment the people you may have cursed or have been cursed by others; family, spouses, teachers, bosses, motorists, pedestrians...the list goes on. I've heard people curse themselves by saying, 'oh, just shoot me', or 'I just want to die'. How

terrible of a curse to bring on yourself! I'm reminded too of now Ned's father provoked him to curse. **Ephesians 6:4** says; *"And you, fathers, do not provoke (or incite, aggravate, irritate, inflame, or rouse) your children to wrath..."* He provoked his simple son to curse him and was sadly entertained by it! He provoked him enough for his son to say; "the devil take you", and that he did. He got possessed by the devil. Have you seen parents who are entertained by their children learning to swear or curse? It's so sad. You see the curse didn't come on Ned because he was being taken advantage of and provoked; it came upon his father who incited the cursing.

Do you realize the power of cursing? I think people would refrain from it if they really comprehended and understood that it would come back upon themselves. The Bible says that what you sow you reap. **Psalms 109:17-18** says; *"As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; as he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. So let it enter his body like water, and like oil into his bones."*

Judas, who betrayed Jesus, loved that which brought a curse upon himself - he loved his sin of denying Christ. **Proverbs 8:35-36** says; *"For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord. But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."* (Lord refers to Yahweh, one of the names of God.) Judas hated Jesus, betrayed Him and hence what he loved came upon him, death. He had remorse afterward ... but it was too late and he hanged himself.

Mr. Badman scorned his parents and probably Sunday School teachers, evangelists, pastors, teachers who all spoke against the sin of swearing and cursing, but he chose to rebel. **Proverbs 18:20-21**; *"A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; from the produce of his lips he shall be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."* You'll eat the words you speak, they'll come back onto you.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; *"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."*

Now you may say that you're not under the Old Testament law any longer and that Jesus became the curse for you making you righteous, and because of that, no curse will come on you if you sin deliberately, consciously and knowingly without repenting. **Galatians 3:10-14**; *"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.' But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for 'the just shall live by faith.' Yet the law is not of faith, but 'the man who does them shall live by them.' Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."* How much more are we then to live holy and righteous, not living according to the flesh?

Romans 8:3-5 says; *"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit."* If you however keep on walking in the things of the flesh (which we've seen cursing, swearing, coveting etc. are the fruit of), we invoke again God's judgment or penalty and if we don't repent, there will be no more you can do. **Hebrews 6:4-6** says; *"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."* You're falling away means that you keep on in the flesh, not in the Spirit. This is talking about Christians who have fallen away. You nullify the work of the cross and the curse that Jesus took for you, comes back upon you.

You're rebelling against the Word of truth, which opens the door to witchcraft which opens the door to the curse coming upon you.

Hebrews 10:26-31 has just as strong language when it says; *"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

You can see why it is becoming less popular to preach about obedience to Jesus Christ and his Word! Those who have tasted and seen the good things of a personal relationship with Jesus, they've seen his power and glory in their lives...and then turn away and get back into the flesh...judgment will fall on them if there is no true repentance.

It would almost be safe to say that born again Christians are under a stricter judgment of God than Mr. Badman (who never received him as Lord). Christians are absolutely without excuse to walk in the flesh and in the sin of cursing and swearing. Jesus made a way of escape for you according to **I Corinthians 10:13**, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* We have authority over the devil who throws temptations across our path in Jesus name!

How about if you're walking in duality? You don't curse or swear at home in front of your spouse, children or with other Christians, yet you role with it at work, school, university or secular friends! There is stricter judgment on those who are Christians who curse others who are made in the image of God.

Jesus always brought people back to the heart of the issue, he took them beyond the law. He'd always say, "you've heard it in the law written...but I say to you." For example with adultery he referenced the law but yet said if you look on a woman with lust, you've committed adultery; he referenced murder and killing in the law, but went on to say that if you call your brother a fool, you've murdered him. Same with cursing and swearing. He's looking at your heart. Out of the abundance of the heart...the mouth speaks.

If this is a sin that you're in bondage to and you've truly felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit in your heart as you've read this; you can repent right now. Jesus will forgive you. He sees your heart. But like Jesus said to many whom he healed and forgave, he said; 'go and sin no more'. You must turn aside from your sin. Pray right now and ask Jesus to forgive you for cursing people out, those who are made in God's image.

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