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Chapter 13 – Badman Gets Drunk and Breaks a Leg - God's Judgement on Drunkards (pages 95 - 96)

How many times have you heard horrific stories of friends, family or maybe even yourself, of something happening like this to them as a result of drunkenness or drugs? This is what Attentive says; *"It is worth a remark to take note how God shows his dislike of the sins of men, and how God strikes down some of them with a blow; like the breaking of Mr. Badman's leg, for doubtless that was a stroke from heaven.* Wiseman continues saying; *"Mr. Badman has broken his leg", says one. "How did he break it?" asks another. "As he came home drunk from the public house", said a third. "A judgement of God fell on him", said a fourth."*

So let's allow the Word of God be a mirror to our lives regarding our life and conduct. **Proverbs 20:1** says; *"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a riotous brawler; And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise."* King Solomon is clarifying here that the drink, whether it be wine or strong drink, in and of itself is not the issue, the sin is being intoxicated by them to the point of drunkenness.

God had just judged the world with the flood and had saved righteous Noah, his wife and family, plus the animals in the ark. You have read the story I'm sure. After leaving the ark, Noah becomes a farmer as we read in **Genesis 9:20-23** *"And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness."*

Now when you read that you shake your head thinking, for 120 years he had been the preacher of righteousness and about God's judgement to come for the depravity of sin in the world, and yet he gets drunk from the wine he produced. Only two of his sons did the righteous thing as they covered his nakedness and probably couldn't understand why their dad did such a thing.

Let's read Matthew Henry's Commentary on this scripture; *"Noah, who had kept sober in drunken company, is now drunk in sober company. Let him that thinks he stands take heed. 3. That we have need to be very careful, when we use God's good creatures plentifully, lest we use them to excess. Christ's disciples must take heed lest at any time their hearts be overcharged, Luke 21:34. Now the consequence of Noah's sin was shame. He was uncovered within his tent, made naked to his shame, as Adam when he had eaten forbidden fruit. Yet Adam sought concealment; Noah is so destitute of thought and reason that he seeks no covering. This was a fruit of the vine that Noah did not think of. Observe here the great evil of the sin of drunkenness. (1.) It discovers men. What infirmities they have, they betray when they are drunk, and what secrets they are entrusted with are then easily got out of them. Drunken porters keep open gates. (2.) It disgraces men, and exposes them to contempt. As it shows them, so it shames them."*

How many times have people spoken or done ridiculous things when they were drunk? Out of the abundance of the heart their mouths are spewing out things that they would never say to anyone, but with drunkenness, everything is unharnessed and unleashed. Secrets are being divulged at the bar or party - restraints have been removed.

Jesus gives this warning in **Luke 21:34-36**; *"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be*

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counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” It's not God's will that you stand before Him as a drunk. His purpose and plan is that you do good all the days of your life. But we struggle with the flesh and that's what we have to mortify or crush every day, because the devil will make sure the temptations are there - Romans 8:13.

The following story of Lot and his daughters is another terrible example of what drunkenness does to make you lose your senses but also how it's used to manipulate and undermine a person. **Genesis 19:30-35**; *"Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose."*

The daughters lusted after and committed incest with their father in order to get pregnant and preserve the family blood line. They were operating in what we would say was natural, logical, earthly and demonic wisdom as we read in **James 3:15**. Lot was so drunk that he remembered absolutely nothing - how terrible! Like Noah, it says that Lot was a righteous man in Sodom. God delivered him, his wife and daughters by the instruction of angels before God rained down fire and brimstone to destroy it. His wife, even after being ordered by the angels to not look at the judgement, looked back and instantly died being turned into a pillar of salt!

Matthew Henry's Commentary says the following about this story; *"Lot himself, by his own folly and unwariness, was wretchedly overcome, and suffered himself so far to be imposed upon by his own children as, two nights together, to be drunk, and to commit incest, Gen. 19:33 Lord, what is man! What are the best of men, when God leaves them to themselves! See here, (1.) The peril of security. Lot, who not only kept himself sober and chaste in Sodom, but was a constant mourner for the wickedness of the place and a witness against it, was yet, in the mountain, where he was alone, and as he thought quite out of the way of temptation, shamefully overtaken. Let him therefore that thinks he stands, stands high and stands firm, take heed lest he fall. No mountain, on this side the holy hill above, can set us out of the reach of Satan's fiery darts. (2.) The peril of drunkenness. It is not only a great sin itself, but it is the inlet of many sins; it may prove the inlet of the worst and most unnatural sins, which may be a perpetual wound and dishonour."*

Like Lot, how many escape to the hills to get away from the wickedness and temptation they see around them? Or in their pride they think they'll never fall, that they're beyond temptation. **1 Corinthians 10:12-13** addresses that kind of thinking very clearly when it says; *"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."* You have to look for the way of escape as it will ALWAYS be there. Maybe in calling a brother or sister in the Lord to pray for you or opening up the Bible to be built up and edified, but God will always, always ALWAYS give you an opportunity to escape temptation.

Did you know that Jesus was accused of being a drunk? Jesus says this about himself in **Luke 7:34-35**, *"The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by all her children."* Who accused him? The religious leaders,

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Pharisees and Scribes! Jesus didn't have the fruit of being a drunkard - they were false accusations - yet he obviously did drink wine.

Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine! We read about it in **John 2:1-10**, "*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"*"

Some would argue that it wasn't fermented wine and was only juice...but that wouldn't make it 'good' wine would it? Neither would it be good at a wedding celebration, to bring in grape juice at the end! It was probably the best wine anyone had ever tasted in their lives because Jesus is the best! He'll always give you the best of the best!

It's not the wine or alcohol that 's the problem here, it's the excess of it. That's at the core of this message. **Proverbs 31:6** "*Give strong drink [as medicine] to him who is ready to pass away, and wine to him whose life is bitter.*" Here in the Old Testament, they probably didn't have drugs like morphine that is so readily available to everyone today to kill pain, so strong drink was used. The Apostle Paul talking to Timothy in **1 Timothy 5:23** says; "*No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.*" So it's not about the wine or beer with dinner, the medicinal use of alcohol, but rather the abuse and excess that leads to drunkenness.

Romans 14:17 says; "*for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*" When you have this fruit in your life, you will not want to get drunk. **Ephesians 5:15-21** says, "*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.*"

Here is the GREAT EXCHANGE, the swap! The Holy Spirit will give everlasting peace and joy that excessive drinking will never give you. When your drunken stupor has worn off the next day, you only have the memory of what happened, but you don't have the joy like the night before. The Holy Spirit will help you to build up and edify fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, he'll help you serve and submit to one another with gladness!

Before Jesus was crucified, this is what he tells his disciples in **John 14:25-26**, "*These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*" Jesus didn't leave us as orphans! The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity and is a beautiful gift that our heavenly Father has given to us.

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John 16:5-15, “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

Now after His death, Jesus again tells his disciples whom he's been with for 40 days, the following in **Acts 1:4-8**; “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

You may be born again, you have the Holy Spirit because you've asked Jesus to come into your heart and prayed the sinners prayer; but are you baptized in the Holy Spirit and have the Comforter in you? Or are you still reaching for the things of this world to comfort you? Are you still walking in the flesh and the worries of the world? This is what Jesus said that Christians would do after being baptized in the Holy Spirit in **Mark 16:17-19**; “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.”

This is God's will for your life, the authority that you can walk in as a believer, it's the extra power that He wants to give you! If you died today you know you'd go to heaven, but the reality is, is that God has so much more for you while you're alive! He wants you to fulfill the call on your life with the power of the Holy Spirit. Don't give it up for the cares of the world and worldly things. When you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, your priorities will shift and change, you'll be empowered to fulfill the call and election on your life.

The following is the account that Jesus exhorted them to wait for, **Acts 2:1-21**; “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” So they were all amazed and perplexed,

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saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Do you see one of the evidences of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the 'appearance' of being drunk! They were so over the top happy and joyful for the power of the Holy Spirit that was physically on them! **Acts 2:38** says the following; "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

It's the secondary move of God in your life after salvation. But many resist and settle for what they have. They don't want their comforts altered with, they don't want to become 'radical' etc. Why do you think so many denominations resist the work of the Holy Spirit? It doesn't make sense does it. Why would you want to resist God wanting to give you the best? It's because of self-righteous works, 'me, myself and I', being prideful thinking that they can walk their Christian walk by themselves and in 'their power'! But you can't!

Boldness to witness is another evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as we read in **Acts 4:31**, "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

Acts 8:14-17, "Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Again we see that these were Christians, born again, but they had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It's the secondary promise of God to his children.

Acts 13:52, "And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their hearts and souls] with joy and with the Holy Spirit." This is the real wine! The real intoxication of the Holy Spirit - not uncontrollable drunkenness, but joy that's full of glory, it's fantastic peace - like a shot of love! Jude exhorts us to pray in the new language, tongues, that the Holy Spirit has given us. Praying with our own understanding is limited, but when you pray in tongues, it goes beyond what we can understand. **Jude 1:20**; "But you, beloved, build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], pray in the Holy Spirit."

This is our prayer for you. **2 Corinthians 13:14** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."