

The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 15 - Death Leaves Him for a Season, and He Returns to His Sin Like a Washed Sow to Wallowing in the Mud. (pages 99-100)

The Greek word pharmakeia actually means "witchcraft". Did you know that? It means the use of magical arts, sorcery, drugs, poisoning and is often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it.

We see Mr. Badman's doctor was administering medicine to him and goes on to fill his head with an antidote to calm the conviction that was riveting Badman's heart; explaining away this religious hysteria, frenzy and conviction of sin as just a fever disturbing his brain. He explained it away with some medical terms to help him overcome the conviction of the Holy Spirit that he was experiencing. It doesn't say what kind of medicine was used, but we know that the drugs given then and now, are directly linked to pharmakeia as we read above.

The Greek word pharmakeia literally means drugs, and appears five times in the New Testament. Pharmakeia is translated into our English Bible as either sorceries or witchcraft. The Greek word pharmakeia is where we get our English word pharmacy from. Here are these scriptures and where the word sorcery is listed, which means 'pharmakeia'.

Galatians 5:19-20; "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies."

Revelation 22:15; "But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."

Revelation 9:21; "And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."

Revelation 18:23; "The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived."

Revelation 21:8; "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Why is this listed as a sin? Because through the administering of medicines and drugs, the spiritual door is opened to satan to work witchcraft in your mind and soul. In very bold terms, pharmakeia would be the sale of witchcraft or drug dealing or sorcery. After having been given medicine, the doctor convinced him that the Christian repentance he was experiencing was only due to fever and because by now Mr. Badman was on the mend, he bought it hook, line and sinker and goes on to call the doctor his saviour! How many people would call their doctors their saviours today? Look at the countless millions that are addicted to not just pharmaceutical drugs today but street and illegal drugs? Instead of turning to Jesus first to heal them, Christians too turn to the pill bottle and run to the doctor.

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The following is a compilation of the licensed pharmacists, licensed pharmacy technicians and accredited pharmacies in Canada as of January 1, 2017:

Total Licensed Pharmacists	42,584
Total Licensed Pharmacy Technicians	7,339
Pharmacies:	
Community Pharmacies	10,094
In-patient hospital pharmacies, if licensed by Regulatory Authority	478
TOTAL LICENSED PHARMACIES	10,572

Canadians Spent \$28.8 Billion on Prescription Drugs in 2014. This doesn't include the money spent on illegal drug trade. When doctors or pharmacists see you coming, it's big business for them.

Wiseman says this about Badman's lack of true repentance; *"You're right; for there was lacking in him, when he was most sensible, a sense of the pollution of his nature. He only felt guilty for his sinful actions like Cain, and Pharaoh, and Saul, and Judas, those reprobates that went before him. (See Gen. 4:13-14; Ex. 9:27; 1 Sam. 15:24; Mt. 27:3-5). Besides, the greatest thing he wanted was to be delivered from going to hell (and who wants to go there willingly?), and that his life might be lengthened in this world. We do not discover by all that he said or did that Jesus Christ the Saviour was desired by him, and that he has a sense of his need of righteousness to clothe him, and of his Spirit to sanctify him."*

Let's look at the life of King Ahab, the most wicked king in the Old Testament. He had just received a prophetic word from Elijah that he was going to die, and like Badman, calls out desperately to God to heal him. Look what happens in **1 Kings 21:26-29**; *"And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."*

So the consequences of Ahab's sins were going to get passed on to the next generation in his son and even though Ahab is healed, he does not truly repent or live righteously after that as he still kept his heathen prophets and kept on in idolatry.

Mr. Attentive says the following about such kinds of promises; *"Yet one may see in this the desperation of man's heart; for what is it but desperate wickedness to promise to God some amendment of life if he will only spare them. Yet, also, as soon as they are recovered, or quickly after, they fall into sin as they did before, never again to remember their promises."*

Let's continue to read what happens in the very unusual story in the Bible regarding Ahab and Jehoshaphat. **1 Kings 22:10-28**; *"The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the Lord: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'" And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand." Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."*

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And Micaiah said, "As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak." Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?" And he answered him, "Go and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king!" So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?" Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the Lord said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'" And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will persuade him.' The Lord said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the Lord said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you." Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?" And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!" So the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son; and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I come in peace."'" But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

What an interesting story! You have false prophets, one true prophet, and a lying spirit being sent by God to convince Ahab to go to war. Micaiah, after taunting the kings and false prophets, delivers the true prophetic word and in the end, Ahab is killed at war. Even though Ahab's life had been spared and extended for a time, his sins caught up with him and he died.

Let's read again what Wiseman says about Mr. Badman's lack of true repentance; *"It is true that he did beg the prayers of good people, but then so did Pharaoh of Moses and Aaron, and Simon Magus of Simon Peter. (Ex. 9:28; Acts 8:24) His mind seemed to turn to his wife and child; but, alas! It was rather from the conviction that God had given him concerning their happy estate over his, than that he had any true love for the work of God that was in them. WISEMAN He made great promises that he would be a new man, that he would leave his sins and become a convert, that he would love his godly wife, etc. Yes, many fine words had Mr. Badman in his sickness, but no good actions when he was well again."*

Ahab and Badman were two of the same. In their affliction they call out to God, but there is no true repentance. Have you been in a similar situation where you've been diagnosed with some deadly disease, or you've had a heart attack or been in an accident and in those moments as your life flashes before your life you start calling on God to save you? In God's mercy, maybe your days have been lengthened also, but have you made good on your promise to God or have you returned to your sin as they two men did? I'm sure it happens all too often that people do not truly repent and change their lives in similar circumstances.

Let's continue to read in **2 Kings 1-17** what happens then to Ahab's son, Ahaziah, on whom the judgment of God would come because of his father's sins. *"Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury." But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' Now therefore, thus says the Lord: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up,*

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but you shall surely die.’” So Elijah departed. And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, “Why have you come back?” So they said to him, “A man came up to meet us, and said to us, ‘Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”’” Then he said to them, “What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?” So they answered him, “A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.” Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: “Man of God, the king has said, ‘Come down!’” So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: “Man of God, thus has the king said, ‘Come down quickly!’” So Elijah answered and said to them, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: “Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight.” And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So he arose and went down with him to the king. Then he said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’” So Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.”

So, who are you calling upon to diagnose your sickness? Is it in the lying spirits operating in the psychics or false Christian prophets or the secular prophets telling you what your itching ears want to hear? Or is it the medical system with all of its roots in pharmakeia (witchcraft) or is it the Holy Spirit? Who are you looking at for your health needs to be met, who are your advisors? Is it false prophets, pharmakeia or to Jesus Christ who took all infirmity in his body on the cross for you and that by his strips you were healed?

Mark 5:25-29; *"Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction."*

How many people are spending ALL their money on the doctors, running here, running there to get diagnosed, in the mean time your filling their physical body with pharmakeia through medications? Jesus came to heal everybody! Let's read of a few of Jesus' power and desire to heal the sick. He never gave direction or orders to go their doctors to get healed. Even Luke the physician operated in the supernatural, probably laying aside his practice because he saw the power of God in operation through Jesus to heal all!

Acts 10:38; *"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."*

Matthew 9:35; *"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."*

Matthew 15:30-31; *Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. 31 So the multitude marveled when*

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they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel."

Luke 9:1-2; *"Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Acts 5:15-16; *"so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."*

Are you really putting the Holy Spirit first in your life trusting in Him in everything? Or is secular advise trumping the Bible? If you'd put a doctor and a preacher side by side, more than likely drawing a comparison, you'd favor the doctors opinion to handle your illness...especially if you are not someone who's in the Word of God regularly. Everything he'd say would seem so logical, natural, obvious for the prescriptions he's wanting to give you. They might even add that he prays for his patients. In essence you'd be choosing pharmakeia - which is associated with witchcraft and sorcery - over the name of Jesus Christ and His word.

Does God use doctors, nurses and the medical professionals? Of course He has and does and will. But when it comes to you and your death bed, who are you listening to? You need the spiritual advise that comes from God's word. If you have a shot of morphine to ease the pain and some follow up council from the doctor to explain away your religious conviction of sin, as simply religious hysteria from your illness and fever; that will keep you from calling out to God for mercy that brings true repentance. That's exactly what the devil would want, because if you truly repent in your time of great affliction, your life will turn around and the devil would lose someone from his grip. Pharamekia is the counterfeit to the supernatural power of healing in Jesus Christ! It will stifle you calling out to Jesus to heal you almost every time. We're saying, who is your FIRST councilor in the diagnosis of sickness and disease? Is it the doctor or is it Jesus Christ?

Let's conclude in reading **James 5:13-16;** *"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

Healing and repentance go hand in hand. You cannot reason away the conviction of the Holy Spirit if you're not saved and are on your deathbed crying out, trembling and being fearful of going to hell when you die. Only true repentance, asking Jesus to forgive you of your sins will bring total peace to your soul.