

# The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 14 - His Pretended Repentance and Promise of Reform When Death Grimly Stared Him in the Face  
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Last week we read how Mr. Badman got so drunk that he fell off his horse, broke his leg and as circumstances would have it, got deathly ill and thought he would die. Again, please make sure you read the chapter so you understand the fullness of this review.

Attentive says the following: "*Then his former atheistic thoughts and principles became too weak now to support him amid fears of eternal damnation.*" Even on his deathbed, Badman pretended to be repentant, manipulating and conniving his wife, family, preachers and the like, to pray for him to be healed. Why? So he could be healed and would be able to continue to sin. That is what his only motive was. He had no remorse of being a sinful man at all. His life only revolved around himself and he'd use anything and anyone to get his way.

Anton LeVey, author of the satanic bible and high priest of the religion dedicated to the worship of satan, he was absolutely an atheist. Some of his famous quotes are "*There is a beast in man that needs to be exercised, not exorcised.*" His dying words were "*Oh my, oh my, what have I done, there is something very wrong...there is something very wrong....*"

Voltaire, a famous anti-Christian atheist said the following: "*I am abandoned by God and man; I will give you half of what I am worth if you will give me six months' life.*" (He said this to Dr. Fochin, who told him it could not be done.) "*Then I shall die and go to hell!*" (His nurse said: "*For all the money in Europe I wouldn't want to see another unbeliever die! All night long he cried for forgiveness.*")

David Hume, an atheist philosopher famous for his philosophy of empiricism and skepticism of religion, he cried loud on his death bed "*I am in flames!*" It is said his "*desperation was a horrible scene*".

Sir Francis Newport, the head of an English Atheist club to those gathered around his deathbed: "*You need not tell me there is no God for I know there is one, and that I am in His presence! You need not tell me there is no hell. I feel myself already slipping. Wretches, cease your idle talk about there being hope for me! I know I am lost forever! Oh, that fire! Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell! ...Oh, that I could lie for a thousand years upon the fire that is never quenched, to purchase the favor of God and be united to Him again. But it is a fruitless wish. Millions and millions of years will bring me no nearer the end of my torments than one poor hour. Oh, eternity, eternity forever and forever!, Oh, the insufferable pangs of Hell!*"

All of these sound like Badman don't they. The Bible says that the gospel is veiled to those who are perishing. We read in **2 Corinthians 4:1-4**; "*Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*"

**Ephesians 2:2** says; "*in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.*" **Colossians 3:5-7**; "*Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*"

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These scriptures exemplify Mr. Badman - son of disobedience, spiritually deaf to hear the word of the Lord, putting on the show to get him through his sickness; BUT there is no repentance. **Ephesians 5:5-7** says the following; *"For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them."*

What fellowship does light have with darkness when it comes down to it right. From a child to being on his deathbed, Mr. Badman had every opportunity to give his life to Jesus. He had unlimited opportunity through sermons and through his family to get his life right with Jesus...but he hardened his heart over and over again.

In **Matthew 7:24-27**, Jesus talks about building your life on the Rock, who is Himself. *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

Some life examples of these storms could be; a report of cancer, the divorce papers being served, you've lost your job, you're children are persecuting you, the Dr.'s are giving you a death report, the bank has shut the door on you, the persecution is so strong that you can't bear it and you want to give up and quit fighting. But if your life is built on Christ the Rock, He promises that you can stand and not fall, no matter what the devil throws at you! You have the power of the Holy Spirit to keep you standing, keep you in the fight even if you may be knocked down, you'll get up and keep on fighting.

But Badman built his life on the sand, and that's why he was crying and screaming in the middle of the night. He knew hell awaited him. He also knew that the Christians had the power to heal in Jesus name and although he personally hadn't received Jesus, he calls for prayer. He sees his house coming down because he's standing on sand but there is no true repentance. It's interesting to see God's mercy still reaching out to Mr. Badman though on his deathbed. The prayers were answered, he got healed but he did not have true repentance unto salvation.

**2 Corinthians 7:8-10** says; *"For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."*

Mr. Badman's sorrow, as well as Anton LeVey's, Voltaire's, David Hume's and the like, was producing worldly sorrow to death, not sorrow which produces repentance to salvation. I trust you see the difference here.

So what does repentance mean? It means the action of repenting with sincere regret or remorse. Some synonyms are contrition, penitence, regret, shame or guilt. When was the last time you had that sincere regret repentance, remorse for your actions and deeds?

The forerunner to Jesus was John the Baptist who preached repentance, and in **Matthew 3:1-12** it says; *"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem,*

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*all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

This repentance was preparing the way so that they could receive Jesus who also preached repentance right from the beginning of his ministry. **Matthew 4:17** says; "*From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*" and in **Luke 5:27-32** it says; "*After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*"

Even at the end of his earthly ministry Jesus is preaching repentance. **Luke 24:44-49** says; "*Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."*"

Jesus admonished his disciples that they needed more than just believing in Him to live a victorious life, they needed to wait for the gift and promise of the Heavenly Father who was the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew they wouldn't be able to live victoriously without the Holy Spirit. The same applies to us today! We need the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit in part if you're a Christian, but Jesus was referring to the total infilling of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to live victoriously!

The Apostle Peter continues to preach repentance after Jesus has ascended into heaven in **Acts 3:19-2**; "*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."*

Do you need refreshing in your life, mind and body? You can be victorious over sin, over the untamed tongue, the sickness in your body, over the struggles of the heart, etc., through repentance first and then with the power of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 5:27-32**; "*And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem*

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*with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

**Romans 2:5** *"But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."*

There is a self-righteous works spirit that is in operation in many Christians that wants them walk independently of God. That's almost an oxymoron, but because they're always resisting, being stubborn and get jittery when the topic of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is brought up, they run 100kms. in the opposite direction, instead of running to the source of power, joy and peace! Their attitude is that the salvation of their souls is enough and that they've got all they need.

Speaking in tongues and unknown languages is the evidence of that baptism in the Holy Spirit. It's not freaky, weird or fanatical at all! Why wouldn't you want to pray to God in your personal heavenly language? Why wouldn't you want to receive the best and precious gift that Jesus said your Heavenly Father told you to get? Jesus really didn't give his disciples an option when it came to waiting for the Holy Spirit. He sternly told them to WAIT AND RECEIVE! He didn't say; it might be good for a few of you but maybe not all of you, and if you don't want to wait and receive, you can do what you want. But unfortunately many Christians think that way, believing they can live good enough in their self-righteousness!

You should want everything that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have for you! You can have more joy, peace, fulfillment, power, victory with the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

You're to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit and power as a Christian. If you are a Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, look at your life and see if you're really walking in the authority and power that Jesus has given you. Or are you like Badman sitting up at night crying out, in the flesh, about your situation instead of taking authority over it? Are you walking in fear, doubt and unbelief, by not allowing the Holy Spirit to live through you in power over the world, the flesh and the devil, putting your faith in your job, the medical system, the legal system, in the government for provision, in what the world has to give you. But the Holy Spirit gives you the authority to address these things in Jesus name and to bind the devil who is bringing these things into your life. Spiritual issues cannot be dealt with in the flesh, they have to be dealt with in the Spirit and that's why Jesus commanded us to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues to walk a victorious Christian walk!

When the devil is rising up against you with everything he can throw at you, whether it's about your health, finances, marriage, children, job, economy...whatever it is... it's time to get into God's word, find out what Jesus' promises are and with the power of the Holy Spirit, speak to them and bind them. Don't run to rational, logic and the flesh to solve spiritual battles. Whose report are you going to believe and act on, God's or the devils?

I'd like you to go to [Romans 6](#) to read the full chapter. It talks about us being dead to sin and alive to God! It says there that death no longer has dominion over the Christian. But Badman had the sting of death nipping at his heels and it was stinging really bad! But not for the Christian, because to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! But if you as a Christian are acting like Mr. Badman, get with God and repent for not allowing His Word to be #1 in your life. If there is a Badman in you that resists the work of the Holy Spirit and relies more on rational, the works of the flesh and self-righteousness, it's like building your house on the sand.

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Now earlier I said that Jesus commanded his disciples to WAIT for the Holy Spirit. Here in **John 14:15-18**, Jesus reiterates the same thing; *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”* Jesus makes it very clear that the disciples had the Holy Spirit with them already at the time of that conversation, they were followers of Christ, but that after they had waited in the upper room for the Helper, the Holy Spirit would be in them!

**Acts 2:38**; *“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.”* The Holy Spirit will not force himself on you, just like Jesus doesn't or God the Father. You have your part to play in welcoming them into your life.

**Zechariah 4:6** *“So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.”*

The majority of the persecution that you'll get for preaching on the baptism in the Holy Spirit is from the religious community. It's from Christians who are stubbornly stuck to self-righteous works. But they could have joy, peace and power with this infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is a slick lie that the devil has sown into the body of Christ that you don't need the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues and that you don't need to walk in the authority that Jesus has given you to lay hands on the sick or cast out devils.

I sometimes think that if Christians would realize that if they backslide so far as to lose their salvation, they'd be more diligent to live wholly and holy for Jesus. It's prideful to think that you can't backslide and fall as **1 Corinthians 10:12** says: *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”* If Christians think that the Holy Spirit will hang around in their lives while they fornicate, do drugs, curse and swear, live in adultery, and all of the other deeds of the flesh living like the devil, they're sorely wrong. The Holy Spirit is holy and will dwell in those who live holy. If a Christian doesn't have a sense that there will be judgment for their actions and deeds, they'll continue to live in the flesh. I've mentioned this scripture before but again, **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.”*

Don't pretend repentance as Mr. Badman did just to get out of the mess he was in. God's will for you today is to say yes to the Helper, the Holy Spirit. Enter into the peace and rest that He has for you and allow Him to comfort you, because that's who He is, the great Comforter!