

The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 17 - He Is Tricked Into a Second Marriage by a Woman as Bad as Himself (pages 104-105)

What terrible thinking and hard heart is displayed in Mr. Badman as he reveals the possibility of remarrying. He says this; "*Who would keep a cow of their own when he can have a quart of milk for a penny?*" *Meaning, who would have the responsibility of a wife when could have a prostitute whenever he wished?*" The depth of his immorality was truly wicked.

Each of us have the free will today to make choices in our lives as to how we want to live, but the Apostle Paul gives this stern warning in taking your liberties. **Galatians 6:7-8** says this; "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*"

Clearly, Badman sowed to his fleshly and lustful appetites. God, however, is not mocked even if you choose to live a life that mocks Him. You will reap at sometime in your life or in the life to come, what you've sowed. And God will not be mocked at your choice.

Mr. Badman had a heavy appetite for prostitutes, even in the midst of his marriage to his Godly wife as we've read. **Proverbs 7:6-27** talks about the crafty harlot; "*For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding, passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night. And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, lurking at every corner. So she caught him and kissed him; with an impudent face she said to him: "I have peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows. So I came out to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you. I have spread my bed with tapestry, colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with love. For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day." With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would cost his life. Now therefore, listen to me, my children; pay attention to the words of my mouth: Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; For she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.*"

In this scripture, King Solomon paints a very descriptive picture of the clear intent of women like these. This young man knew where this prostitute lived, he probably went by there regularly. In today's terms he could have walked or driven through the neighborhood regularly. This harlot described here is a craftswoman or a sexsmith - she's skilled at the craft of sex and seduction. How many women are living the lie of a crafty harlot? These here Solomon shows as wealthy women who have the best of designer labels. They might live in big beautiful homes with limousines and drivers, nannies to take care of the children, maids at their disposal for everything...with their husbands gone on a business trip. Those she has enticed were strong men, not just physically but morally. Men, don't take pride in all of the moral strength you think you have, as harlots as these are skilled craftswomen at sexual seduction to make you fall. Warning: If you get involved with a seductress, your path will lead you to hell.

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Let's look at an example in the Bible of a man who was raised in Jewish law, under a special Nazirite vow where among other things he couldn't cut his hair. He was set apart for God, he had a call on his life to be a Judge in Israel. Some of you may know who I'm referring to. Yes, it's Samson. To set this story up, and you can read the chapters before this, Samson was compromising his Jewish commandments and customs by sowing to the flesh, falling in love with a Gentile woman and convinced his parents to let him marry her. That marriage ended by her being murdered by her own people; it was destruction. He became an enemy to them and as a result became a wanted man. They didn't want him to be the Judge over Israel. Samson continues in his fleshly and lustful appetites by again falling for a harlot. Remember, he had been religiously set apart ... but was following his fleshly desires. In today's language you could say that the Philistines pimped out Delilah to get to Samson, they were going to pay her off for her to use her sex and seduction to destroy him.

Let's read the story in **Judges 16:1-22**

"Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. When the Gazites were told, "Samson has come here!" they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him." And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you." And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man." So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them. Now men were lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known. Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with." So he said to her, "If they bind me securely with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man." Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And men were lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread. Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom"—So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom. Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies." And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man." When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.

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Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven."

Imagine that, Samson wasn't aware that these men - enemies - were in the same room where all of this sexual activity was taking place, it was like a porn show. He was so blind in the spirit that they were there, he was living lasciviously, continually lying to her, just playing games! Sounds like Mr. Badman. He had the strength of 10 men yet was flaunting his God given gift - abusing it.

Delilah, remember, is crafty at her art of seduction and day and night she's at him until he's vexed by her torment. She's not going to stop until he's at her feet and she's conquered; and she does conquer as his heart is finally surrendered. The devil has used her successfully to accomplish his assignment over Samson's life. Samson was so spiritually blind that he didn't know that the Lord had departed from him! Totally backslidden.

Let's go back to the script for a minute to see what Attentive and Wiseman are saying about Badman, which parallels with Samson.

"ATTENTIVE. I imagine that Mr. Badman thought, when his first wife was dead, that next time he would get a better match.

WISEMAN. I don't know what he thought. But he could not hope for it in this match. Now, here he knew himself to be caught, and he knew that he was entangled by this woman, and would make a better choice, but he couldn't. He knew her, I say, to be a prostitute before, and could not promise himself a happy life with her, for he could not expect her to be faithful to him. But Solomon says, "A whore is a deep ditch" (Prov. 23:27), and Mr. Badman found this to be true. For when she had caught him in her pit, she would never leave him till she had got him to promise her marriage; and when she had taken him so far, she forced him to marry indeed. And after that, they lived a life that I have told you about."

Samson's life call was cut short and ultimately ended up in prison with his eyes burned out, walking in circles on a treadmill grinding grain. How many Christian men today have ended up not fulfilling the call on their lives and like Samson, have exchanged it for temporal pleasures of a prostitute or immoral woman, and are now held captive by the devil. They've become spiritually blind and deaf, they cannot see in the Spirit anymore, the gifts of the Spirit are not operating in their lives and they're on a treadmill, going around and around and around, held captive by the secular society using them for their entertainment to mock the God of Christianity.

This is exactly what happened to Samson as the Philistines called him out to entertain them! They wanted to mock his God. That's exactly what the spirit of the world does, they want to destroy Christians to mock Almighty God. Let's read **Romans 8:5-7** where it says; "*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. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*"

It doesn't matter how gifted or set apart you are, or about your Godly heritage or upbringing, or what church you were brought up in, or what family you were born into. It doesn't matter about how much tradition your parents followed to set you apart either. Just like Badman, you have a choice; Samson had a choice, but he blew the call and election to follow his own lusts. We've heard many justify what Samson did because in the end he killed more of his enemies than throughout his life. In that justifying, they almost make it look like he was ordained to rebel against his parents, live with prostitutes, harlots and marry a Gentile, where, in the end, this

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apparent great victory by killing himself, his enemies, having his eyes gouged out! That doesn't look like God's blessing to me, but sounds like the flesh. There's no way to justify Samson's actions in being God's will. Had he really lived his life set apart for God, who knows the countless victories he would have had! He would have been praised and remembered for the mighty acts of God during his 20 years as Judge in Israel, not for his life being sold out to lustful, selfish living.

The laws that Samson was to follow during his life are clearly shown in the following scriptures. **Deuteronomy 30:11-20** talks about the choice of life or death; *"For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. "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."***

Samson had no excuse to fall into the misery that he did. Had he followed God's commandments he would have been blessed! There wouldn't have been the destruction and carnage in his life, nor his wife being burned alive with her father. I believe that this word is still true for us today and just as it says, *'I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you.'* That's why God is not mocked. God has spoken, given you a chance to be blessed or cursed, it's your choice. This applied to Samson, to Badman and applies to you today who are reading this.

Wiseman said the following; *"He had had an honest woman once, but she could not please him, so God took her away and gave him one as bad as himself. Thus that measure he meted to his first wife, this last meted to him again. And this is a punishment which sometimes God uses to punish wicked men. His first wife was also honest and faithful to him, but this last made a whore of her body. The first woman loved to keep things together, but this second would whirl them about as well as him. The first would be silent when he reproved her, and she would take it patiently when he abused her; but this one would give him word for word, blow for blow, curse for curse; so now Mr. Badman had met his match. God had a mind to make him see the baseness of his own life in the wickedness of his second wife. Yet all was the same with Mr. Badman, for he remained Mr. Badman still. This judgment did not work any reformation in him; no, not by God or man."*

God's word shouted to Mr. Badman all his life to get him to repent but he rebelled. **Proverbs 18:20-21** says this; *"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."*

It seems like both Samson and Badman were under the influence of a Jezebel spirit, a seductress to get them to compromise and ruin their lives. I've talked about Jezebel in Chapter 7 - Part 2, if you'd like to read up on her a bit more. She incited her husband, the Israelite King Ahab, to depart from worshipping God and encouraged not only him, but the whole nation to worship Baal and Asherah. She is associated with false prophets and because of the fine clothing and make up that she used, has been associated with the use of cosmetics as 'painted women'

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or 'prostitutes'. She despised and killed many of the prophets of Almighty God, but ultimately died by being thrown out of her palace tower by her own court attendants and eaten by wild dogs.

Even though she died, the spirit that possessed her still is active in the earth today, and even the Apostle John talks about her ultimate judgment as the great harlot in the Book of Revelation. This spirit has seduced not only Samson and Badman, but many throughout the Bible and continues to seduce many men in the pulpits today.

I'd encourage you to watch this video entitled, [Discerning The Jezebel Spirit](#), as it will give you greater understanding of its wicked schemes.