

The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 18 - Part 2

He Parts From His Wife - Diseases Attack Him Under Captain Consumption, and He Rots Away and Dies in Sinful Security (pages 108-112)

Sermon Entitled: The Church of Me, Myself and I

We're continuing on from last week's message on the death of Mr. Badman. Let's start by reading from **Matthew 10:21-22** where Jesus says these three very sobering sentences; *"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."* This is one of His forewarnings about being His disciple. You may think that this could never happen that family members would turn in another family member to be persecuted, but it happens all the time around the world. Even persecutions like shunning and exclusion to the new family Christian convert. Parents and siblings vow that they'll never speak to the Christian in the family.

You see in today's text, Attentive being very determined to find out from Wiseman, exactly why Mr. Badman died a sinner. What was the evidence? Because you see, if there is true repentance from sin in a person's life, you WILL see the change in that person's life, there WILL be evidence of it. The light in that person's life will be evident to all.

Let's look at a portion of the dialogue that we read today; *"WISEMAN. Why, the man that is averse to repentance, who doesn't want to hear about his sins that he might repent and be saved, is said to be a man that directs God, "Depart from me, for I desire not the knowledge of thy ways"*

ATTENTIVE. What other sign can you give me that Mr. Badman died without repentance?

WISEMAN. Why, he never heartily cried out to God for mercy all the time of his affliction. True, when sinking fits, stitches, or pains took hold of him, then he would say, as other worldly men do, "Lord, help me; Lord, strengthen me; Lord, deliver me", and such like. But to cry to God for mercy, that he did not do, but remained, as I hinted before, as if he had never sinned.

WISEMAN. Crying is an inseparable effect of repentance, and is seen in these scriptures — "Have mercy upon me, O God; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions" (Ps. 51:1). "O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed, but thou, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies' sake" (Ps. 6:1-4)."

There is a clear spirit of independence from God that many have towards God, they want nothing to do with Him, even in death. You have heard from their mouths their calling out for the Lord God to help them, but they're not saying, Lord have mercy on me because I've sinned, forgive me for what I've done. Yet when we look at these Psalms by King David, we see true repentance for sin.

You can cry out to the Lord all you want, but unless there is repentance, the Lord will not hear you. His ear will be deaf to you because you're not calling your sin, sin. He sees the outward apparent expressions, but as He looks at your heart and if your heart is not repenting, they're idle words and expressions you utter. Like a child being disciplined by their parent; they're crying crocodile tears but unless they say, 'mommy forgive me' where they can be forgiven, they're tears and crying are not of value. Our Heavenly Father is the same. You may have past sins that you haven't confessed from when you were young or from years ago that need to be acknowledged to Jesus. Just because they happened years ago and you're born again, doesn't mean that you're not living

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consequentially because of that sin. You can't sweep sin under the carpet and think they're hidden from His eyes. They need to be confessed. It's very possible too, that these sins or sin, have charted a whole route for your life that you wouldn't have even had to go down.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church about living a double standard life and being unequally yoked. This goes beyond marriage, but deals with every aspect of our lives. Mr. Badman for sure was not yoked with Christians...he wanted nothing to do with them, unless it served his purpose. As Christians though, we're not to be yoking ourselves with an ungodly lifestyle, which is sin. If you desire bad, worldly, ungodly and secular company more than good Christian company and living Godly, it shows what's really in your heart, plain and simple. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** says, *"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."*

Another portion of the dialogue says; *"ATTENTIVE. But please, Sir, what other sign do you have by which you can prove that Mr. Badman died in his sins, and thus in a state of damnation?"*
WISEMAN. I have this to prove it. Those who were his old and sinful companions in the time of his health were those whose company and worldly chatter he most enjoyed in his time of his sickness. I did occasionally hint at this before, but now I make it an argument for lack of grace, for where there is indeed a work of grace in the heart, that work not only changes the heart, thoughts, and desires, but the way of life also; yes, the way of life and company too. When Paul had a work of grace in his soul, he tried to join himself to the disciples. He was no longer for his old companions in their abominations. He was now a disciple, and was for the company of disciples. "And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem" (Acts 9:27-28)"

Badman, on his deathbed preferred his old buddies, whom he'd swear and curse with, and reminisce of the past ungodly lifestyle; over the Christians who tried to see him to minister salvation to him.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself if you're a Christian;

- Are your desires more to fellowship with non Christians more than Christians, to be about worldly secular business rather than church or Christian business?
- Are you more inclined to listen to your sermons on the radio or TV rather than be in fellowship with believers where it would involve lifestyle accountability, confession of sin, altar calls, repentance, etc?
- Is going to church or fellowshiping with Christians laborious, boring, a drudgery, and when it's over are you the first one out the door? Or do you want to stay and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Do you believe that you can be a Christian and not go to Church?

The mere fact that you would prefer not to be in church and fellowship with other believers simply shows that you have a very shallow walk with Jesus.

Mr. Badman didn't mind the prayers of the Saints that would extend his life to continue in sin, but when it came to talking about sin and repentance, well that's when the fellowship ended with the saints and he would turn a deaf ear to what they were saying. Are you guilty of turning a deaf ear to what's being said at church in your life over the years?

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You see, if your church is the radio and TV, you can turn them off any time you want. Or do you listen to sermons only that tickle your ears? There's no personal accountability; no one to see that you have no lifestyle change, no one to see that you have no prayer life, that you don't sing along with the songs in time of worship, no one to see the personal struggles with sin, no one to pray over you, no altar to go to and repent, no monetary accountability for tithes and offerings. I would call this THE CHURCH OF ME, MYSELF AND I. It's almost narcissistic and selfish isn't it!

You see, Mr. Badman was all about me, myself and I; his whole life centered around self and sad to say he died a death surrounded by lots of worldly fellowship about his wicked past, having rejected all conversations about sin and repentance and his need for salvation from Christians.

Churches are full of people today who are from the church of me, myself and I, who have no personal or corporate prayer life, they don't sing the songs in praise and worship, they don't respond when altar calls are given, they barely make it to church on time, never mind show up early for prayer before service. They don't attend church or church events to serve but rather be served and don't go out of their way to bring other new people to church. When brought into accountability of personal sin and need of repentance, if they're not able to turn you off and on like a TV or radio sermon, they'll just simply stay home and attend the me, myself and I church where they are in complete control.

Mr. Badman can be commended in that he was honest in not wanting anyone to talk with him about his sin and need for repentance, and made it very clear that he had no need of the Lord Jesus and His salvation plan for his life. He was at least honest wasn't he.

The person who attends the Me, Myself and I Church has received the Lord's salvation plan but have rejected the Lord's direction for becoming a part of the body of Christ, growing in the church, accountable to Christian fellowship with regards to personal sin, repentance, gifts, callings, and elections with the attitude of 'how can I serve in the local church'.

At least Badman made it clear from the beginning he didn't want to be a Christian, whereas the person who receives the Lord but rejects being a part of the body of Christ the church as outlined in **1st Corinthians 12**, are operating independently of Jesus' LORDSHIP. You can't have one without the other. You can't say Jesus is your Lord and Saviour and reject being a part of the church body. Badman was genuinely about me, myself and I, giving his life totally over to his father the devil serving him 100 percent. There was nothing pretentious about him and his conviction of who he was. But the Christian who is attending the Church of Me, Myself and I, are not giving their 100 percent to the Lordship of Christ and His plan for the local Church. Now, who's really the Badman or Badwoman? Put it on a scale in front of God and He'd know instantly which side the scale would tip to as far as being bad. It wouldn't be to Badman as he wasn't pretentious about his identity. It didn't make it right that he chose that lifestyle, but as it says in **Revelation 3:16** where Jesus says; "*So because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of My mouth!*"

So by attending the Church of Me, Myself and I at home; this is what you miss out on how the body of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit and the gifts that have been given to you are to function in the local church as we read in **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**, "*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of*

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ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

We continue reading on **in I Corinthians 12:12-26** where it says; "*For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."*

When you became a Christian, you became part of a body. You have gifts in your life that are to operate in the body of Christ and they won't function if you're at home in the Church of Me, Myself and I with the TV or radio preacher. You may grow in the knowledge of your gifts, but will not exercise the gift. You need to be physically in a local church to grow spiritually and in your gifts and Christian walk. You will also be robbing others of your gift by not being in operation. If you're a little toe, it will hamper the work of the whole foot - do you understand this simple truth?

So it's pretty evident that the Me, Myself and I Church is missing a few members and cannot be called a church. Jesus said in **Matthew 18:19-20**; "*Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

You and your radio or TV are not a church. This is talking about two physical people - or more - in the same room fellowshiping with the Lord in their midst. You're not interacting with whoever is on the radio or TV, they don't know you're there.

Acts 2:40-47 talks about how the early church grew; "*And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

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So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

It's a corporate work of the Holy Spirit in the local church. Don't buy the lie that says as a Christian, you don't have to go to church. It's what you do as a Christian. You have a responsibility to fulfill the call of God on your life.

It's easy for you to give to the TV preacher, evangelist, the radio ministry or non-profit ministry...that's easy because there is really no accountability to anyone. You maybe benefit from tax returns, or get your name on a plaque for the wall of the latest outreach endeavor, but that's not what it's all about. What's not as easy but is required as a Christian, is to give to the body of Christ and to be a part of the body, to give to a church that talks to you about your sin, that is willing to address sin and repentance.

It's easier to go and give to a seeker-friendly church because they're not going to talk to you about your sin or repentance. It's not easy to give to preachers who preach on repentance or churches that are preaching repentance, urging you to turn from your sin, exposing the truth and maybe ready to dismiss you from the church. It's easy to give to a place where it makes the flesh feel good.

What about the pastor who is calling you on the carpet for committing adultery and fornication, or lying and stealing, or for all the sins that Badman committed. Are you willing to repent and accept and continue to give and invest in that kind of a church? That might be hard. It would mean that you'd have to die to self but in attending a seeker-friendly church there is no need to die to self.

Giving and tithing to preachers on the radio or TV, you don't have to die to self. That's why today, Jesus wants you to live a crucified life with Him, to get to the reality that it's required of you to be part of the body of Christ. He didn't save you to make you the big success story in life, no He called you to repent and turn from your sins. To turn from the sins of your past that have held you captive for years and years and years. Those things that were done years ago, and the devil has held it over your head because you haven't repented of it.

Examine your heart today. Look at all you've done in your life that you haven't repented of and brought before the Lord. Call it by name and repent. If you've been walking in unforgiveness, the word says you can't be forgiven unless you forgive first.

Examine your heart if you've swept things under the carpet that nobody knows about and you think it's all ok. No, God sees, so repent. Even if everything looks good on the outside; you pray, you prophecy, you speak in tongues and you teach and cast out devils in Jesus' name. But there is one area that you haven't let the Lord deal with, but today He's saying that you have to deal with this sin that only you and Him know about. It will affect the call, election, gifts and power of the Holy Spirit flowing in your life. Call it by name, the day, the time, the person, the place, the action...whatever it was that you did to someone or forgive the person that did something to you. It may be sexual sin, unforgiveness, anger, fear, doubt, unbelief, having said something to someone that brought you regret that you need to go to them and ask them to forgive you....the list goes on. You repent, receive forgiveness and move forward in faith. You don't need to continue with the weight of that sin any more.

I John 1:9 says; *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

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