

The Life and Death of Mr. Badman

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Chapter 19 – Future Happiness Not To Be Hoped In A Quite Hardened Death - Part 2

I'd like to start out today's review by quoting from an article from Christian Assemblies International about Canada's Christian Heritage.

"The founders of this country built Canada on the Word of God, as can be seen in many examples. The name "Dominion of Canada", the motto of Canada, "He shall have dominion from sea to sea" and the phrase on Canada's coat of arms "A mari usque ad mare" (Latin for: From sea to sea") are taken from PSALM 72:8. When, in 1866, the fathers of Confederation were assembled to discuss the terms for uniting the Canadian provinces, Leonard Tilley - premier of New Brunswick - suggested the word "Dominion" from PSALM 72 for the new country. A letter signed by John A. MacDonald - Canada's first prime minister - explained to Queen Victoria that the name was "a tribute to the principles they earnestly desired to uphold." The last province to join Canada was Newfoundland whose motto is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (MATTHEW 6:33). Canada's parliament buildings in Ottawa contain scriptures carved into the stones: EPHESIANS 6:13 is written around the altar in the memorial chamber: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" PSALM 139:8-10 is found on the wall in the same room beside a list of wars in which Canadians have fought and on the outside of the Peace Tower, PSALM 72:8, PROVERBS 29:18a and PSALM 72:1 are all engraved.

A Time of Transformation

Whereas many of our nation's leaders, including our founding fathers, stood for Christian principles, the governments today are trying to change the laws of Canada to reflect the more "diverse population" that lives in this country. These changes have resulted in a moral decline in the country. Increases in violent youth crime, suicides among young people and the number of single parent families are only a few matters of concern.

The change that took place in Canada is well symbolized by the change of the official Canadian flag in 1965 under Prime Minister Lester Pearson. It was a conscious step to replace the Christian British heritage by a modern man-made United Nations philosophy of diversity and multi-culturalism - a trend that continued especially under Pierre Trudeau (1968-1984) and until today. Of course, in a multi-cultural society, Christianity is only one out of many religions. Modern Canada therefore has no other values but "diversity".

Hope for Our Future If We Turn to God

Our Canadian national anthem includes the words "God keep our land glorious and free." That was the reason why so many Canadians, under the Red Ensign, fought alongside Great Britain in the two World Wars. Many gave up their lives thus ensuring that we would live in a free land ruled not by tyrants but only by God's laws. Canada's only hope lies in returning to the values of old. "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" JEREMIAH 6:16. "

Luke 11:14-23 says; "And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the

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kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters."

Matthew Henry's Commentary says this about this scripture; "(1.) *The miserable condition of an unconverted sinner. In his heart, which was fitted to be a habitation of God, the devil has his palace; and all the powers and the faculties of the soul, being employed by him in the service of sin, are his goods. Note, [1.] The heart of every unconverted sinner is the devil's palace, where he resides and where he rules; he works in the children of disobedience. The heart is a palace, a noble dwelling; but the unsanctified heart is the devil's palace. His will is obeyed, his interests are served, and the militia is in his hands; he usurps the throne in the soul. [2.] The devil, as a strong man armed, keeps this palace, does all he can to secure it to himself, and to fortify it against Christ. All the prejudices with which he hardens men's hearts against truth and holiness are the strong-holds which he erects for the keeping of his palace; this palace is his garrison. [3.] There is a kind of peace in the palace of an unconverted soul, while the devil, as a strong man armed, keeps it. The sinner has a good opinion of himself, is very secure and merry, has no doubt concerning the goodness of his state nor any dread of the judgment to come; he flatters himself in his own eyes, and cries peace to himself. Before Christ appeared, all was quiet, because all went one way; but the preaching of the gospel disturbed the peace of the devil's palace.*

(2.) *The wonderful change that is made in conversion, which is Christ's victory over this usurper. Satan is a strong man armed; but our Lord Jesus is stronger than he, as God, as Mediator."*

We read today about how Mr. Badman's heart was garrisoned in by the devil himself, keeping him quiet. Let's read it again where Wiseman says this; "*But the strong man armed kept Mr. Badman's house, that is, his heart, and soul, and body, for he went from a sinful life quietly out of this world. The strong man did not disturb him by allowing sound repentance between his sinful life and his quiet death. The strong man armed is the devil, and quietness is his security. The devil never fears losing the sinner if he can only keep him quiet. Can he but keep him quiet in a sinful life, and quiet in his death, he makes him his own. Therefore, he says, "his goods are in peace", meaning out of danger. There is no fear of the devil's losing such a soul, I say, because Christ, who is the best judge in this matter, says, "his goods are in peace", meaning in quiet, and out of danger."*"

Canada really exemplifies what is being talked about here. The nation started on the right path but are now on the wrong path as far as Christian principals, morality, and have allowed other idols to come in. These idols and mindsets have embedded themselves into our politics, social arena, educational institutions, work, laws and regulations. Where once Jesus was Lord from sea to sea, now He is not.

Gods judgment is on sinners and on Canada in that they've rejected Him and replaced Him with foreign idols. Isaiah was given a strong warning to show God's judgment on those who reject Him. **Isaiah 6:9-10** says what God is wanting Isaiah to say to the Israelites as a prophet; "*And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' "Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."*" God knew that if their eyes and ears would open, that He would have to heal them.

Jesus also references this scripture from the prophet Isaiah in **John 12:37-40** where He says; "*But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and*

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hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

God is the one who is blinding them, causing their ears to be deaf and hardening their hearts - why - because they refuse to repent. Canada right now refuses to repent. They don't see the need to repent; be it corporately or individually.

Wiseman says; "*And this was clearly Mr. Badman's case. He lived a wicked life, and also died with his eyes shut and heart hardened, as is shown in that a sinful life was joined with a quiet death; and all for that he should not be converted, but partake of the fruit of his sinful life in hell-fire. When God is angry with men — I mean, when he is so angry with them — this among many is one of his judgements that he should give them up, which leads to blindness of mind and hardness of heart, which he also allows to accompany them till they enter in at the gates of death. And then and there, and not short of then and there, their eyes come to be opened.*"

The devil wants to stop the preaching of the gospel in Canada. Why? because it will awaken the body of Christ, create an army of God, it will bring men and women to the altar to repent, it will affect the Parliament and they will return to their old ways of Godliness. So right now, everyone is in this peace - in that there is no need for Jesus to be Lord of their lives. Jesus is being shut right up because they've taken Him out of the schools, you have to be careful how you talk about Him in the work place or social arenas. And if we are able to talk about Him, it has to be 'inclusive' with all other faiths. So Canada is no longer a Christian nation, but has become inclusive of everyone and every faith. Evangelical Christianity is the number one persecuted religion in Canada and in the world.

Those who have rejected the gospel, are at peace in their hearts like Badman was. But when they hear the gospel preached, it disrupts their spirit man because it convicts them of sin. Countless thousands of people across our great nation have rejected the gospel and have preferred to live in that peaceful place which Wiseman calls 'the palace' or the devil's garrison where he's established his stronghold! The devil keeps them at peace in keeping Christianity away from them.

The rich man referred to by Jesus in **Luke 16:22-23**, is a man who had no need for God, although he understood principals of Godliness and what the Jews taught, but also knew the idolatry that he was in and the love of money that he had. "*So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*"

He might have even been logistical about this poor beggar's state, thinking that he just needed to get a job, or he must be in that state because of something he's done, or he just needs to be responsible with his life, or he needs to go to a physician and get himself healed. This could have been some of the rich man's or your rational in seeing the poor and disenfranchised around you. The devil had had this rich man fully garrisoned in and blinded to the need of God - so he was in peace. But in hell, he lifted up his eyes begging Abraham for Lazarus to give him a drop of water and even to return alive to his brothers that they wouldn't land up where he was at. Interesting that the one who rejected the beggar became the beggar.

Like the rich man, there are blinders on the eyes of countless thousands of people in Canada and the world who can't see or hear in the spirit. They refuse to repent of their sin. Repentance is the action that God requires for you to see and hear spiritually, to receive salvation and have Jesus live in your heart. The devil lies to people to tell them they don't need to repent, giving them great times, prosperity, filling them up with everything they

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want, but keeping the Christians away from them in their jobs, social arenas, in the politics, entertainment, sports etc. People are waking up in hell as I write, convinced that in their lifetime, they didn't need to repent. They might have welcomed Jesus into their lives together with all the other worldly things, as long as it didn't require a turning away from sin and repentance.

Wiseman says the following; "*This implies that he hadn't lifted them up before; he neither saw what he had done, nor where he was heading, till he came to the place of execution, even to hell. He died asleep in his soul; he died besotted, stupefied, and so, consequently, in quietness like a child or lamb, just as Mr. Badman did.*"

Jesus spoke in parables to keep the secrets of salvation from those who were already judged while they lived. The Lord is not always going to strive with man. He will give you every opportunity to repent, but will not strive forever with you. Jesus again quotes the prophet Isaiah in **Matthew 13:10-15**, "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'"

Matthew Henry's Commentary again says this about the verse we just read; "1.) Some were willingly ignorant; and such were amused by the parables (Matt. 13:13); because they seeing, see not. They had shut their eyes against the clear light of Christ's plainer preaching, and therefore were now left in the dark. Seeing Christ's person, they see not his glory, see no difference between him and another man; seeing his miracles, and hearing his preaching, they see not, they hear not with any concern or application; they understand neither. Note, [1.] There are many that see the gospel light, and hear the gospel sound, but it never reaches their hearts, nor has it any place in them. [2.] It is just with God to take away the light from those who shut their eyes against it; that such as will be ignorant, may be so; and God's dealing thus with them magnifies his distinguishing grace to his disciples.

Thirdly, *The woeful effect and consequence of this; Lest at any time they should see. They will not see because they will not turn; and God says that they shall not see, because they shall not turn: lest they should be converted, and I should heal them.*

Note, 1. That seeing, hearing, and understanding, are necessary to conversion; for God, in working grace, deals with men as men, as rational agents; he draws with the cords of a man, changes the heart by opening the eyes, and turns from the power of Satan unto God, by turning first from darkness to light, (Acts 26:18). 2. All those who are truly converted to God, shall certainly be healed by him. "If they be converted I shall heal them, I shall save them:" so that if sinners perish, it is not to be imputed to God, but to themselves; they foolishly expected to be healed, without being converted. 3. It is just with God to deny his grace to those who have long and often refused the proposals of it, and resisted the power of it. Pharaoh, for a good while, hardened his own heart (Exod. 8:15, 32), and afterwards God hardened it, Matt. 9:12; 10:20. Let us therefore fear, lest by sinning against the divine grace, we sin it away."

Wiseman continues saying; "*I do not say that all wicked men that are molested at their death with a sense of sin and fear of hell don't go to heaven. Some are also made to see, and left to despair, not converted by seeing, that they might go roaring out of this world to their place. But I say there is no surer sign of a man's damnation*

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than to die quietly after a sinful life; than to sin and die with his eyes shut; than to sin and die with a heart that cannot repent."

Imagine that, you can't even repent anymore. You're in such denial of all God has given, He turns you over to a debased mind as **Romans 8:28** says; "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

Paul the Apostle bears witness to the word from Isaiah the prophet in **Acts 28:23-28**, "So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, saying, 'Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'" Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

The Apostle Paul talks about God's righteous judgment in **Romans 2:1-5**; "Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 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."

Is it worth it to receive God's righteous judgment because you're not willing to confess your sins and repent? Repentance is the requirement and there is no getting around it. His goodness, forbearance and longsuffering have been reaching out to you for a long time, don't harden your heart where He turns you over to be judged, even while you're still alive. Many a Canadian has taken the wide road which does not require repentance, they've rejected the gospel. Such deception of peace is within such people that they're convinced that if they were to die, they'd go to heaven because they have such peace!

Wiseman says; "*God has a judgement for wicked men; he will get even with wicked men. God knows how to reserve the ungodly for the day of judgement to be punished.* (2 Pet. 2:9) *And this is one of the ways in which he does it. Thus it was with Mr. Badman. Fourthly, it is said in the book of Psalms concerning the wicked, "There are no bands in their death, but their strength is firm"* (Ps. 73:4-6). By "no bands" he means no troubles, no gracious chastisements, and no such corrections for sin that fall to the lot of God's people for theirs; yes, that many times falls to them at the time of their death. Therefore, he adds concerning the wicked, "They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued like other men", but go as securely out of the world as if they had never sinned against God and put their own souls in danger of damnation. Hence, you have them boast of their faith and hope in God's mercy when they lie upon their death-beds. Yes, you hear them speak as confidently of their salvation as if they had served God all their days; when the truth is, at the bottom of it, their boasting is because they have no bands in their death. Their sin and base life do not come to mind to correct them, and bring them to repentance; but presumptuous thoughts, and in hope and faith like a spider's, the devil's, possesses their soul to their own eternal undoing."

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Thousands of people across this land have been judged already because they can't hear the gospel any longer. The real judgment starts in the house of God according to **I Peter 4:17**. If you don't understand what this message is about today, you've chosen the broad and wide road and you refuse to repent of your sins and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of your life.

2 Peter 3:8-18

"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."