

CRAZY, INSANE, LUNATIC, LUNATICK, MADMAN, MADMEN, MADNESS, MANIC, MINDLESS, NONSENSE

There are times when God punishes people for sin by sending **madness** upon them.

- **Deuteronomy 28:15, 28:** "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ... The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:"

When David was afraid of Achish, he pretended to be a **madman** (in order to hide his true identity.)

- **1 Samuel 21:10-13:** "And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard."

When David pretended to be insane, Achish asked his servants if the reason they brought David to him was because they thought he needed a **madman**.

- **1 Samuel 21:15:** "Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?"

After David decided that Saul would stop trying to kill him if he moved to the land of the Philistines, he went to Gath. (That was the very place David had escaped from previously by pretending to be a **madman**).

- **1 Samuel 27:2:** "And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath."

When the captains of the army of Israel asked Jehu why a **madman** had come to him, Jehu told them they knew what the man had said. (In reality the man wasn't crazy at all, but was a prophet who had come to anoint Jehu as king over Israel.)

- **2 Kings 9:11:** "Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication."

Bildad compared Job to a **madman** who went around destroying things out of anger. (Job's three friends treated him very badly.)

- **Job 18:4:** "He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?"

Psalm 34 was written when David pretended to be a **madman** so Abimelech would drive him away instead of killing him.

- **Psalm 34:0:** "A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed."

When David escaped by pretending to be a **madman**, he gave God the credit for his deliverance.

- **Psalm 34:0, 7:** "A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed. ... The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Our praises to God must not be **mindless**. Instead we must praise God with understanding.

- **Psalm 47:7:** "For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."

If you try to understand **madness**, don't be surprised if you become frustrated.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:17:** "And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit."

Laughter and mirth are **crazy**.

- **Ecclesiastes 2:2:** "I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?"

Oppression can make wise men go **crazy**.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:7:** "Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart."

Being mad (insane or **crazy**) is actually wicked.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:25:** "I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:"

The heart of mankind is full of **madness**.

- **Ecclesiastes 9:3:** "This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead."

The words of a fool are evil, and full of **madness**.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:12-14:** "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?"

Shemaiah sent letters in the name of God, telling the priests to arrest **madmen** who claimed to be a prophet. He was specifically referring to Jeremiah and was trying to get him arrested. (This proved to be a terrible decision. God cursed

Shemaiah and his whole household for doing that.)

- **Jeremiah 29:24-27:** "Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him in prison, and in the stocks. Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?"

When God spoke against Moab, He said that **Madmen** (which was actually the name of a city of Moab) would be cut down.

- **Jeremiah 48:2:** "There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee."

God hated the Jewish proverb which taught that His prophecies were **nonsense** and shouldn't be taken seriously.

- **Ezekiel 12:22-23:** "Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision."

Because Israel was full of hatred and iniquity, their spiritual men were **madmen**.

- **Hosea 9:7:** "The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred."

In the end times, when armies attack Jerusalem, God will smite those who ride upon horses with **madness**.

- **Zechariah 12:2-4:** "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness."

Jesus healed those who were **madmen**. (It seems these specific cases were related to demon possession.)

- **Matthew 4:24:** "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

The man's son who was brought to Jesus was a **madman**. (It seems he was demon-possessed.)

- **Matthew 17:14-15:** "And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water."

There are times when wicked people try to make the truth look ridiculous by coming up with **crazy** hypothetical situations that are far removed from reality.

- **Matthew 22:25-28:** "Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her."

The friends of Jesus believed that He was a **madman**. They had no faith in Him, in spite of the many miracles that He did.

- **Mark 3:21:** "And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself."

After Jesus healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath, the scribes and Pharisees were filled with **madness**.

- **Luke 6:9-11:** "Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? And looking round

about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus."

Many of the Jews said that Jesus was a **madman**.

- **John 10:19-20:** "There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?"

When people were praying that God would save Peter from prison, and Rhoda announced that Peter was at the door, they told her she was a **madman**. (It seems they didn't actually believe that God was going to answer their prayers.)

- **Acts 12:13-15:** "And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel."

When Paul defended himself to King Agrippa, Festus said that Paul had been driven **insane** by too much knowledge. (Paul then defended himself and said that he was speaking the truth.)

- **Acts 26:24-25:** "And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad,

most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness."

Peter said that the wicked actions of Balaam (who wanted to curse Israel in exchange for a reward) were acts of **madness** and iniquity.

- **2 Peter 2:15-16:** "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet."