

## Alcohol, the Beloved Enemy Proverbs 20:1

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There has never been such an enemy to the welfare of mankind than the beverage alcohol, yet it seems none has been so loved by those it destroys. Even the Christian world has been embracing this enemy.

- I. We must properly study scripture to find the answer about alcohol (II Tim. 2:15).
  - A. We are warned about the misuse of \_\_\_\_\_ (II Peter 2:3; II Cor. 4:2).
    - Feigned means, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. We must compare \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual (I Cor 2:13).
- II. There are many generic words in Scripture
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_—meat is defined as food in Scripture (Gen. 1:29; John 4:32). The offering of flour and meal was a meat offering.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_—a corn of wheat means a grain of wheat (Num. 18:27; John 12:24).
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_—the word “wine” refers to all forms of grape juice, whether freshly squeezed or fermented. It is an error to associate biblical wine with our modern understanding of wine.
- III. In the Scripture, “wine” many times refers to grape juice.

- A. Wine is gathered in after the latter rain (Deut. 11:14).  
Alcoholic wine is never gathered from the vine.
- B. Alcoholic wine could not be referred to as the first fruits. The first fruits referred to the bringing in of wine. (II Chron 31:5).
- C. The juice came from a \_\_\_\_\_. Alcoholic wine does not come from a press (Neh. 13:15). It comes from a purposed process of fermentation.
  - 1. Proverbs 3:10 tells us that *“thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”*
  - 2. Isaiah 65:8 tells us, *“As new wine is found in the cluster...”*
- D. Timothy was told to drink wine for his \_\_\_\_\_ sake (I Tim. 5:23).

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture will always reveal whether the wine is alcohol in Scripture.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ wine was clearly alcoholic since he was found uncovered (Gen 9:21).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ daughters gave him alcoholic wine to make him give in to immorality (Gen. 19:32).
- C. We are told not to even \_\_\_\_\_ upon alcohol (Prov. 23:29–31). The wine that is turning itself is in the process of fermentation.

V. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ against drinking alcohol

- A. It \_\_\_\_\_ like a serpent and \_\_\_\_\_ like an adder (Prov.23:32).
- B. It causes us to look upon \_\_\_\_\_ women (Prov. 23:33).
- C. It can many times lead to \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 23:34).
- D. It causes \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 23:35).
- E. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 23:35).
- F. It perverts \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 31:4–5; Isa. 28:7–8).
- G. It \_\_\_\_\_ those that drink it (Prov. 20:1).
- H. It brings \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 21:17)
- I. It brings \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 5:11).

VI. Alcohol is not a result of natural process

- A. Fermentation is a manmade process that involves specific temperatures, the exact amount of sugar and gluten. Grape juice does not turn to alcohol automatically.
- B. In ancient days people knew how to preserve grape juice without turning it into alcoholic wine by boiling it to a paste and then mixing with water when they wanted to drink it. This process removed all possibility of it becoming alcoholic.

- C. It is natural for anyone to love the sweet taste of grape juice as opposed to the acquired taste of alcohol (Isa. 49:26; Amos 9:12–15; Micah 6:15).

VII. Jesus did not drink or make alcohol

- A. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in his nature and character (Heb. 7:26).
- B. Jesus would never \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture (Matt. 5:17–18; Hab.2:15).
- C. Jesus Christ was the faithful high \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 10:9–11; Prov.31:4–5).
- D. Jesus Christ would not cast a \_\_\_\_\_ block before anybody (Rom. 14:21).
- E. Jesus made the \_\_\_\_\_ wine from water (John 2:10).
- F. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by the miracle He did (John 2:11). this would not be if He served alcohol to an already drunken people.
- G. Jesus wants us \_\_\_\_\_ by His Spirit, not by alcohol that promotes a loose life of sin (Eph. 5:18).
- Excess—a dissolute, debauched, profligate manner of living.
- H. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners to set them free, not bring them into \_\_\_\_\_ of alcohol that literally sends millions to Hell (Rom. 5:8; John 8:34–36; I Cor.6:9–10).