

“The Sin of Drunkenness”

Prov. 20:1

Introduction

- I. Let us begin by stating the obvious, our society is enamored with alcohol.
 - A. Drink when you're celebrating.
 - B. Drink when you're mourning.
 - C. Drink when you're eating a meal.
 - D. Drink when you're sitting around.
 - E. Drink when you're about to sleep.
 - F. Drink when you're starting your day.
 - G. “Drink 'responsibly’”, but by all means-drink!
- II. What we do not see and hear is all the negative things attached to drinking.
 - A. Automobile accidents.
 - B. Families torn apart.
 - C. Friendships destroyed.
 - D. Productive lives turned to destructive lives.
 - E. Etc.
- III. What does God have to say about the drinking of alcohol?

Discussion

- I. The very first reference to alcohol in the Bible is that of a sad nature (Gen. 9:18ff.)
- II. The Bible describes the results of alcohol consumption (Prov. 23:29-32).
- III. Priests of old were not to partake of alcohol (Lev. 10:9; cf. 1 Pet. 1:15-16).
- IV. Nazarites were not to partake of alcohol (Num. 6:1-3).
- V. Daniel would not pollute himself by partaking (Dan. 1:8).
- VI. The mother of Samson was instructed not to partake of alcohol (Jud. 13:4, 7, 12-14).
- VII. The Israelites did not partake of alcohol in the wilderness (Deut. 29:5-6).
- VIII. Kings were not to partake of alcohol (Prov. 31:5-6).
- IX. Alcohol deters men from facing the future (Joel 1:5).
- X. Alcohol will corrupt the minds of men (Joel 3:3).
- XI. Alcohol has been instrumental in the financial destruction of some (Prov. 21:17).
- XII. Alcohol will lead to men not caring about serving God (Isa. 51:11-12; 28:1, 3, 7; cf. Jer. 35:6).
- XIII. Alcoholic consumption causes men to behave inappropriately (Hos. 4:11).
- XIV. Woe was pronounced on anyone who gave his neighbor alcohol to drink (Hab. 2:15).

Conclusion

- I. There is danger and destruction waiting for those that drink alcohol.
- II. Why would we want to destroy both our souls and bodies in the pursuit of drunkenness?