

Strong Drink and Our Brethren

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

It was a common practice in Bible times to drink fermented wine. Nevertheless, drunkenness was condemned. This was so because it preserved the Grape drink. New wine was the fresh grape drink. They were also taught to not lust after it.

Pro 23:29 *Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? **30** Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. **31** Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; **32** At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. **33** Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things. **34** Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: **35** "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"*

Isa 5:11 *Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them! --- **20** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! **22** Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, **23** Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!*

In toxification leads to many sins

Gen 19:32 *Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." This caused incense.*

Gen 9:19 *These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. **20** And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. **21** Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. **22** And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. **24** So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. **25** Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."*

Pro 20:1 *Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.*

Men in God's service were told not to partake of any in toxifying drink.

1Ti 3:8 *Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,*

Pro 31:4 *It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; **5** Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.*

Lev 10:8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying: **9** "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations,

Num 6:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, **3** he shall separate himself from wine and similar drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from similar drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. 4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin. 5 'All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. Then he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. 6 All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body.

Tit 1:6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

Drinking for medical reasons was not condemned

1Ti 5:23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

Pro 31:6

Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart. 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

We are told not to put a stumbling block before Brethren. This scripture is talking about meats offered to idols but states we should not put a stumbling block before our brethren. If he thinks it is a sin we should not partake for his sake. People observe us, whom we do not know. Show love to them by our example.

1Co 8:1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10

*For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? **11** And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? **12** But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. **13** Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.*

***Rom 14:1** Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. **2** For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. **3** Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. **4** Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. **5** One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. **7** For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. **8** For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **11** For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD." **12** So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. **13** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. **14** I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **15** Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. **16** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; **17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **18** For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. **19** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. **20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. **21** It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. **22** Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. **23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.*

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***Eph 5:17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

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