

PRAYING TO THE LORD BUT DRINKING WITH THE DEVIL

Proverbs 23:29-35

* When we are going through something. We can surely pray to the Lord. But when we don't get the answer that we are looking for quickly . We tend to turn to someone else for our answers. Not waiting on the Lord to help us. Trying to solve it on our own . Some people will try to solve problems by avoiding them totally. Some people will try to bake something to solve it. Some other may go shopping to solve the problem. Some will try to sleep the problem away but when you wake up the problem is still there. And others try hard to drink there problems away but when you sober up the problems is still there. We can't have it both ways. **We either serve the Lord or serve the devil.** When we stop asking the Lord for help . **We have already lost the fight.**

1. Proverbs 23:29-35

A. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has babbling? **Who hath wounds without cause?** Who **hath redness of eyes?** They that tarry long at the wine they that go seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder . thine eyes shall behold strange women and thine heart shall utter perverse things . Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the mist of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. they have stricken me , shalt thou say , and I was not sick ; they have beaten me , and I felt it not : when shall I awake ? **I will seek it yet again.**

B. It will be very bad for people who drink too much wine and strong drink. Those people have many fights and arguments. **Their eyes are red and they stumble and hurt themselves.** They could have avoided all those troubles! So be careful with wine. It is pretty and red. It sparkles in the cup. And it goes down so smooth when you drink it. But in the end it bites like a snake. Wine will cause you to see strange things; your mind will be confused. When you lie down, you will think you are on a rough sea. You will feel like you are lying on a ship. You will say, they hit me but I never felt it .they beat me but I don't remember it. Now I can't wake up. **I need another drink**

2. 1 Timothy 5:23

A. Drink no longer water, **but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake** and thine often **infirmities.**

B. Timothy, stop drinking only water, and drink a little wine. **This will help your stomach** and you will not be **sick so often.**

* There was a reason **Timothy had to drink a little wine.** What is our excuse?

* **I had a hard day,** and I need a drink to **calm my nerves.**

3. 1 Peter 5:8

A. Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

B. Control yourselves and be careful! **The devil is your enemy**. And he goes around like a roaring lion looking for some person to eat.

4. 1 Corinthians 6:12

A. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, **but I will not be brought under the power of any**.

B. All things are allowed for me " **but not all things are good**. All things are allowed for me. **But I will not let anything be my master**.

5. Hosea 4:11

A. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart .

B. Sexual sins, strong drink, and new wine will ruin a person's ability to think straight .

6. 1 Corinthians 3:17

A. **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy**: for the **temple of God is holy, which temple ye are**.

B. If any person destroys God's temple, then God will destroy that person. Why? Because God's temple is holy . * You yourselves are God's Temple.

7. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

A. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

B. But we belong to the day (Goodness), so we should control ourselves. We should wear faith and love to protect us. And the hope of salvation should be our helmet.

8. 1 Corinthians 5:11

A. But now I have written unto you not to keep company , if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator , or covetous , or an idolater , or a railer , or a drunkard , or an extortioner ; with such an one no not to eat .

B. I am writing to tell you that the person you must not associate with is this : any person that calls himself a brother in Christ but sins sexually , or greedy , or worship idols , or talk bad to people , or gets drunk , or cheats people , don't even eat with a person like that .

*Being a Brother or Sister in the church means something, we must where it well.

9. Proverb 20:1

A. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and **whosoever is deceived thereby not wise.**

B. Wine and Beer make people lose control of themselves. **They get loud and start to brag. They become drunk and do foolish things.**

10. 1 Corinththians 6:10

A. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners , shall inherit the kingdom of God .

B .These people will not get God's kingdom : people that sins sexually , people that worship idols , people that do the sin of adultery , men that let other men use them for sex or that have sex with other men , people that steal , people that are greedy , people that get drunk , people that say bad things to other people , and people that cheat .

*Hope today, that I have said something to help each and every one of us, to seek the Lord for all our answers.

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

Hear the word, **Believe** what you have heard, **Repent**, **Confess** and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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