

Wonderfully Made Series Study #18 -Drinking & Drunk While Preaching

According to the CDC (Center For Disease Control)

Every day, 29 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This is one death every 50 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$44 billion.

In 2016, 10,497 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for 28% of all traffic-related deaths in the United States.¹

- Of the 1,233 traffic deaths among children ages 0 to 14 years in 2016, 214 (17%) involved an alcohol-impaired driver.
- In 2016, more than 1 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. That's one percent of the 111 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year (figure below).
- Drugs (legal and illegal) other than alcohol are involved in about 16% of motor vehicle crashes.

Drinking and driving is a major problem that has killed many people. Drinking impairs the vision and beclouds the mind.

Sadly, many Pastors have impaired vision and beclouded minds because they are drunk on Babylonian wine which is even more dangerous because they are leading multitudes to perdition and destruction. God warns of preachers who are drunk on the wine of Babylon which represents false doctrines that lead people away from the truth. These preachers have rejected the law of God and the testimonies of Jesus Christ. They serve their Babylonian wine of false doctrine that spiritually kills millions.

Moses repeated the law and explicit instructions for the children of Israel before his death and before they entered the Canaanland. This is why the book was name Deuteronomy, the repeating of the law of God.

What did God tell Moses concerning the children of Israel after his death?

Deuteronomy 31:16

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

Moses repeated this prophecy with the children of Israel while they were on the border of the Canaanland.

Deuteronomy 31:29

29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

What prophecy was given concerning Jesus, the Rock of our salvation?

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

- 1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
- 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:
- 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
- 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Jesus is the Rock in this prophecy. Jesus fulfills this prophecy.

What did Jesus tell Peter?

Matthew 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

What did Paul say about the Rock?

1 Corinthians 10:4

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

The Rock provided the water of life from a rock to quench the thirst of the children of Israel while in the desert on their way to the Canaanland. We can all drink the water of life from the Rock, Christ Jesus.

What did the Israel do that provoked the anger of God?

Deuteronomy 32:15 – 18, 28, 31, 32, 33

- 15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then **he forsook** God *which* made him, and **lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation**.
- 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.
- 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.
- 18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

- 28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.

- 31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.
- 32 For **their vine is of the vine of Sodom**, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:
- 33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Sodom and Gomorrah were places full of the abomination of homosexuality. In verse 32, it is clear that like Sodom and Gomorrah, Israel was also full of the abomination of homosexuality.

Did you know today in modern Israel, the city of Tel Aviv is one of the LGBT hotspots in the world?

When the professed people of God rebel against Him in their drunken state and allow the LGBT movement to run rampant in their churches, the church is in the state of Babylon, full of homosexuality!

Another name of Israel is Jeshurun.

Jeshurun (Hebrew) = “upright one”. This is the type of character that God wanted His people to be like, but their rebellion made them “downright rebellious.”

What counsel does God give to the faithful concerning being among the drunken?

Proverbs 23:19

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a *man* with rags.

This is not only true to a literal drunkard, it also applies to those who are drunk with the wine of Babylon. The wine represents lies and false doctrines. All those in Babylon are drinking the Babylonian wine. They are drunk and preaching the drunken sermons of Babylon.

1 Corinthians 5:11

11 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.

Proverbs 20:1

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

What was the condition of Israel and their leaders, priests and pastors at the time of the prophet Isaiah?

Isaiah 28:1, 7 - 12

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the **drunkards** of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the **fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!**

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; **the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine**, they are out of the way through strong drink; **they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.**

8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*

10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Isaiah 56:10 - 12

10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

- 11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
- 12 Come ye, say *they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

The watchmen's job in a literal sense was to sound the call if they see the enemy coming. Pastors and leaders of the church are suppose to be watchmen in our modern time. They are suppose to give that certain sound to warn the people about the enemy. Sadly, today many of the leadership have joined the ranks of the enemy. They have become drunk hirelings instead of watchmen. They are drunk on the wine of Babylon – preaching lies and false doctrines to the people. Why? They are “greedy dogs which can never have enough.”

What does Jesus say about many of the priests and leaders of Israel at the time of Jesus Christ on earth?

John 10:11-13

- 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
- 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
- 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

Jesus is the good shepherd – wherever He goes His sheep follow Him closely. All the pastors in Babylon are hirelings. They are more concerning about their paychecks than the people.

Matthew 15:14

- 14 **Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.**

How do you know a true leader of the church from a false leader or pastor?

Isaiah 8:20

- 20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

What is the condition of the leadership and pastors who reject the commandments of God? They are drunk on the wine of Babylon!

All those in Babylon reject the commandments of God and His everlasting covenant. The message of Revelation 18 is the LAST urgent message to those in Babylon.

For years many have heard the true message of the Bible, but still remain in Babylon.

What is the condition of Babylon now?

Revelation 18:1-5

- 1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Jesus says get out of Babylon! Where do they go? They go to mountain of Truth and are covered by the blood of the Lamb, keep the commandments of God and the everlasting covenant. They go to churches that teach, preach, and live by ALL of God's word from Genesis to Revelation.

The message will get stronger and stronger as we get closer and are in the mark of the beast crisis.

Are you following the good Shepherd that leads to the whole truth or a hireling? Probation is soon to close. Are you ready?