

## THE EFFEMINATE KING

**TEXT: Proverbs 31:4** It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

**1 Samuel 1:14** And Eli said unto her, How long **wilt thou be drunken?** put away thy **wine** from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: **I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink**, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 **Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial:** for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

"[He] was taking up to 3 powerful narcotic pain relievers at same time..."

**Proverbs 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow?** who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

**Proverbs 23:35** 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.**

**Habakkuk 2:15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him,** and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

**Psalms 69:21** They **gave me also gall** for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Matthew 27:34** They gave him **vinegar to drink mingled with gall:** and when he had tasted thereof, **he would not drink.**

**Job 20:14...**it is **the gall of asps** within him.

**Isaiah 65:8** Thus saith the LORD, As the **new wine is found in the cluster,** and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it...

**Deuteronomy 14:26** And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, **or for strong drink**, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and **thou shalt rejoice**, thou, and thine household,

**Isaiah 24:9** They shall not drink wine with a song; **strong drink shall be bitter** to them that drink it.

**Proverbs 21:17** He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: **he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.**

**Proverbs 21:20** *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but **a foolish man spendeth it up.**

**Revelation 6:6**...see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

**Acts 24:25** And as he reasoned of righteousness, **temperance**, and judgment to come, Felix trembled...

**Luke 21:34** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time **your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting**, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you **unawares.**

**Deuteronomy 8:10** When thou hast **eaten and art full**, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 **Beware that thou forget not the LORD** thy God, **in not keeping his commandments**, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when **thou hast eaten and art full**, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 **Then thine heart be lifted up**, and thou forget the LORD thy God...

**1 Corinthians 6:12** 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.**

**Proverbs 23:1** When thou sittest to **eat with a ruler**, consider diligently what is before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man **given to appetite.**

3 Be not desirous of **his dainties**: for they are **deceitful meat.**

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his **dainty meats**:

**Luke 7:25** But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and **live delicately, are in kings' courts.**

**Luke 16:19** There was a certain rich man, which was **clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:**

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And **desiring to be fed with the crumbs** which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

**Luke 3:10** And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, **He that hath two coats**, let him impart to him that hath none; and **he that hath meat, let him do likewise.**

**Ezekiel 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, **fulness of bread**, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, **neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.**

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

**Exodus 32:6**...and the people **sat down to eat and to drink**, and rose up to play.

**1 Corinthians 15:32**...let us **eat and drink**; for to morrow we die. [Isaiah 22:13]

**Ecclesiastes 10:16** Woe to thee, O land, when **thy king** is a child, and **thy princes eat in the morning!**

17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and **thy princes eat in due season**, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

"The apostle, in these words, not only positively prohibits the use of intoxicating liquors as beverages, but also the excessive use of those that are, in themselves, harmless...When we consider that alcoholic drinks cannot be used without producing a degree of drunkenness, we are taught, in this prohibition, the Scriptural idea of temperance, that we can only moderately use that which is unintoxicating, but must absolutely abstain from that which may intoxicate...not only are we forbidden to taste the wine, or any fermented, intoxicating drink, but we are not even to look on it with the desire to use it. The total abstinence principle is here as plainly enunciated as it is possible for it to be...it is now established as clearly as any scientific fact can be, that alcohol is not food...But 'strong drink' is tenaciously grasped by the advocates or apologists for ardent liquors...Respecting the term, Rev. W. Patton, D.D., in 'Laws of Fermentation and Wines of the Ancients,' p. 60, says, 'Shakar, (sometimes written sheehar, shekar,) signifies sweet drink expressed from fruits other than the grape, and in a fermented or unfermented state.'...The term rendered 'strong drink,' thus denotes a sweet drink, and its connection with the term sugar indicates a nourishing property, which would be in strict accordance with the way in which it is used in the text...consequently, as alcohol is not a food and does not contribute to the support of the system, the 'strong drink' of which Moses speaks was not fermented, but perfectly harmless as a drink...It is pleaded that God gives license for the use of intoxicating drink, because he here permitted them to buy whatever their soul lusted after, or desired. It must again be remembered, that He was permitting them to buy that which is good for food, but gave no privilege for any thing that was [harmful] to health..."  
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