



THE LIVE C SCROLLS



# ALCOHOL



# POISON

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise” - Proverbs 20.1

“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 by wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment” -Isaiah 28.7

“Don’t you look upon the wine when it is red, when it gives his color in the cup, when it moves itself aright. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper” -Proverbs 23.31-32

“Do not be drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” -Ephesians 5.18

Alcohol is a poison, a toxin. I’ve known many whose lives were ruined by it, NONE who were bettered by it. Scripture definitely admonishes one to avoid indulgences and drunkenness and warns against the danger of being deceived by strong drink as many have been.

Yes, Scripture can also be found to justify limited use of wine but not over-indulgence. Throughout the apostle Paul’s letters he urged believers to be “sober-minded”, in other words always to think clearly and seriously. It doesn’t take much alcohol to alter that.

Playing with something as deadly as alcohol is like playing with a poisonous snake. Some have done it and lived. Many have not. If GOD refers to wine as a deadly serpent why would you keep a venomous snake in your home? If it doesn’t bite you it may bite someone you love, such as your children.

By keeping the poison of alcohol in your home you are normalizing its use to your children. You are responsible before GOD to raise your offspring in a godly manner. With all the dangers related to alcohol and the countless men and women who have become enslaved to it why would you wish to take such a chance with your precious children?

All Christians should urge people away from this deadly and deceitful poison especially seeing the devastation it has wreaked on our society- the ruined lives, broken marriages, lost jobs; the thousands killed, crippled or paralyzed by that horrible serpent every year in car wrecks, or in devastated health.

I can’t recount how many individuals I’ve worked with who ended good careers due to alcohol use and abuse and how many others were slaves to that poison using it daily to drown out their troubles (and thereby creating new troubles).

I think of a precious young lady I worked with years ago. The nicest girl you could ever meet. She and a friend went out drinking alcohol one night, trying to have the proverbial "good time". A car accident on the way home left another driver dead and my lovely young friend in a coma.

Another older man I knew was also deceived by strong drink. An unhappy and lonely man he believed satan's lie that "comfort" was to be found by drinking the poison of alcohol. After leaving one of satan's "churches" where wicked people make money destroying people's lives, he had a head-on collision with a young mother and snuffed out her life. Doubt if the bartender was charged with being an accessory to murder.

Whenever the powerful liquor industry targets a community for "invasion" with their bottled vipers we always hear about the great "jobs" the poison-dissemination racket will produce. Right. Jobs selling people the poison that will make them lose their job, beat their kids, and will steal the money they need to pay their bills. Jobs serving people that poison until they stumble out to their car or truck and head off on a mission to kill or cripple innocent people; and our godless political "leaders" won't lift a pinkie to do anything about it. Why? Once again: BIG MONEY talks, our safety and well-being walks.

Why is ALCOHOL legal if it causes so much damage to society? There's a simple reason and we all know what it is: THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR. "The love of money is the root of ALL EVIL" says our Lord. Our corrupt politicians, from both sides of the aisle, just don't care and are terrified to confront this multi-billion dollar Sindustry.

What's even sadder is that so few "pastors" have the courage to speak out against this damnable poison in their assemblies. Are they ignorant of the moral and physical destruction this plague has wrought on our nation? Or do they too simply not CARE? If your "pastor" (shepherd) never seems to mention this subject you might want to ask him why.

You see, satan cannot concoct new ideas so he invents counterfeits of GOD's conceptions. Bars and nightclubs are actually satan's "churches" where lost souls congregate to imbibe what they openly call "spirits" thus opening themselves up to demonic influence. satan's purpose is ALWAYS to ruin people's lives. he accomplishes this easily through the horrible poison known as "alcohol".

Liquor stores are merely his "tract-distribution" or "missionary-outreach" centers. They all carry the same tract- "How to easily ruin your life". This is the evil one's false "gospel": "Drink my poison and find happiness, forget your problems, have a blast!". It's a false "gospel" and it is ACCURSED.

How many wives and children have been beaten by a drunken father? How many acts of immorality leading to loss of self-respect, “unwanted” pregnancies and deadly STD’s have come about under the seducing influence of alcohol? How many people have lost everything they hold dear, including their own lives, by succumbing to this subtle serpent?

Living in a major northern city I saw up close and personal the many homeless people who put themselves there by being bitten by this snake. I often saw them lined up at the state liquor stores, waiting to spend the money they’d begged from well-intentioned people not on food but on more slave-poison. The store-owners were only too happy to sell it to them.

Look up Pacific Garden Mission, a wonderful organization that for many years has helped thousands of homeless people in Chicago. You’ll quickly learn the truth that the majority of homeless people have gotten where they are due to two main causes- alcohol and drugs.

All of those individuals were boys and girls once. They were teenagers hoping for a fulfilling future. Do you think any of them wanted to end up living on the streets, unloved, unwanted, desperate just to obtain another bottle of booze?

Wine and strong drink have tricked, deceived so many precious souls. No one who winds up unable to live without alcohol thought they’d wind up like that when they took their first drink. “That only happens to OTHER people...I’m STRONGER!”. So said they ALL!

One of the saddest tales I ever heard came from the lips of an angry, bitter man in his late fifties, early 60s. No one liked this man or wanted to work with him due to his constant state of agitation and short temper. I made the effort to chat with him, to come to know him. Eventually he shared with me the cause of his rage. He didn’t hate other people...he hated himself and lived a tragic life filled with guilt and remorse.

When he was a young man he met, fell in love with and married a woman he deeply cared for. At that time only he drank, she had no interest in it. But because he felt awkward socially drinking by himself he kept on urging her to simply try a drink or two. Finally she gave in and began drinking with him at parties and social events. But it didn’t end there.

Over time she turned to alcohol more and more perhaps seeking in it the false consolation or “relief from stress” that satan convinces so many unsuspecting victims they’ll discover by “drowning their troubles”. In the end, satan got what he wanted: she died from alcohol-related diseases and the man went through the rest of his existence here hating himself and drowning in remorse because he knew that HE had started his precious wife on that hellish path.

I think of a nice young man I knew many years ago. In his mid-twenties he had his whole life ahead of him, and it looked good. He had a fine job and had never committed a crime in his life. Then one Friday at work, the guys decided to hit the bar after work and “knock back a few” to celebrate the end of the work week. He joined them. Biggest mistake of his life.

During the “celebration” some rough words and confrontations ensued in satan’s “church” as they often do when the serpents are crawling around, seeking someone to bite. The young man I had known stepped outside with another man to “settle things”. This young man threw a punch at the other individual. It connected. The man fell down and hit his head on the hard pavement beneath. He died.

Now this young man was arrested, tried and sentenced to a long stretch in prison. Sadly, he would spend many years there watching his youth disappear all because he and his work-buddies thought it would be a great idea to go out and play with venomous snakes. The other man never got a chance to feel remorse. He was dead.

Some of you will likely laugh at a book like this or consider it odd because you almost never hear truths such as this. Perhaps you’ve never encountered anyone who cared enough about you and about others to make the plea I’m making to you today.

I pray that you will make the decision to NEVER allow satan’s poison to have ANY PART of your life. If you haven’t “tried” it, DON’T.

Don’t allow that serpent into your home. If it has been a part of your life now is a good time to stop playing snake-handler.

If others laugh or call you a fanatic, if even people who profess to be “Christians” attempt to dissuade you from your purpose, do yourself a favor: IGNORE THEM and devote your life instead to loving and serving GOD and His beloved Son JESUS CHRIST. If you’re stressed, depressed, oppressed TURN TO GOD, pray, read His Holy Word, listen to godly, encouraging music, read inspiring books, watch uplifting movies but DON’T turn to satan’s false “solution”! It will only make things WORSE. GUARANTEED!

Dear friends, I could write a thick book on the ruinous properties of alcohol (and demonjuana as well!), and I could fill it with innumerable true life accounts of people whose lives were ruined thereby. But the book about people whose lives were bettered by alcohol would only be one page long. And it would be BLANK.

# WHICH VOICE ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE MOST:



## THE VOICE OF THE WORLD... OR THE VOICE OF THE WORD??