

IN THE BEGINNING

Part Forty-Eight: The Beginning of Drunkenness

Text: Gen. 9:18-24

- First mentions of wine, drinking, and drunkenness in the Bible.
- I. **THE _____ OF DRUNKENNESS (vs. 21)**
 - Noah “_____ of the wine.”
 - Drunkenness is caused by _____.
 - Application: The best way to _____ the sin of drunkenness is to not drink (Rom. 13:14).
 - Total abstinence is the only responsible and Biblical standard for any _____ to practice or preach (1 Tim. 3:2-3, 8; Philip. 3:1):
 - He is to be _____.
 - He is not to be “_____ to wine” = to indulge the consumption of wine for the sake of its alcoholic content.
 - He is to tell people “what is _____.”
 - He is to protect and build up the weaker brethren.
 - Total abstinence is the only practice compatible with the _____-block principle of God’s Word (Rom. 14:13, 1 Cor. 8:9, 12, Rom. 14:21, 1 Cor. 10:31).
- II. **THE _____ TO DRUNKENNESS (vs. 20-21)**
 - Noah was a very godly man who surely never _____ to get drunk and pass out from intoxication.
 - _____ is the causeway to the destructiveness of drunkenness.
 - How drinking leads to drunkenness:
 - Out of _____—perhaps Noah didn’t know the wine was fermented.
 - Out of _____—perhaps Noah let down his guard to sample the good life (1 Cor. 10:12).
 - Out of _____—Noah drank too much.
 - Application 1: If you begin to drink, how will you know when to _____?
 - Application 2: How can you know when you’ve crossed the _____ into sinful drunkenness?
 - Even mild intoxication will prevent you from being _____ by the Spirit.
- III. **THE _____ OF DRUNKENNESS (vs. 21-24)**
 - Loss of _____—this episode was a blot on Noah’s godly record.

- Loss of self-control—Noah lost the ability to control himself and his actions.
- Loss of moral _____—Noah cast off own clothes.
- Loss of _____—Noah passed out.
- Loss of personal _____—Noah was seen in an indecent condition in his tent by his son.
- Loss of family _____—Noah’s sin revealed stress lines in Noah’s family.
- Gain of a _____—Noah’s sin impacted one branch of his family for generations.

APPLICATIONS

- Two right responses to the truths we have learned today:
 1. **We should not be _____ by the appeal of alcoholic beverages (Prov. 20:1).**
 - Don’t allow yourself to be enticed by the worldly _____ of worldly people that drinking is innocent, harmless, and fun.
 - Don’t believe for one second that there is some good thing you’re _____ out on by not drinking.
 2. **We should _____ from any beverage that could lead us to drunkenness (Prov. 23:31-32).**
 - The clear _____ of Scripture regarding beverage use of alcohol is, “Don’t even look at it!”
 - Why not? Because it will _____ you in the end like a poisonous serpent.