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Drunkards and Drunkenness

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Drunkards and drunkenness refer to those who are self-indulgent, live to revel and party and drink alcohol to get excessively intoxicated. Following are a few verses, that speak of drunkenness:

- **Isaiah 5:11:** Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them!
- **Isaiah 5:23:** Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine (mighty to drink wine in KJV), and valiant men (men of strength in KJV) in mixing strong drink

The following verse speaks of those accustomed to strong drink boasting of their ability to drink extraordinary amounts and resist its usual intoxicating influence,

- **Isaiah 56:12:** Come, they say, “let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure.”

Boasting and drinking in this manner is still very common today, however, it should be noted, drinking alcohol is not a sin, certainly the Bible clearly warns against drinking an excess of alcohol for the following obvious reason, too much alcohol, weakens the will and lowers morals and inhibitions and therefore can lead to behaviour that one will regret the next day, and even worse for the rest of their life (i.e., such as driving while drunk and causing injury to another person).

It is not a sin for a man and woman to have a glass of wine over a romantic meal neither is a sin for a man to have a couple of beers after a hard day's work. Rather the real danger is in the wrong behaviour that results after drinking an excess of alcohol, this, is why the Bible in many verses clearly warns:

- **Proverbs 20:1:** Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

And in Ephesians:

- **Ephesians 5:18:** Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.

These verses (there are many others) show that the Scriptural teaching of the Bible concerning alcohol is not upon drinking a couple of glasses, but upon drinking an excess which leads to drunkenness and sinful behaviour.