The Fly of Unwise Drink

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Series: Flies in the Anointing / Pastor Brent Snook

Bible text: Proverbs 20:1

I. THE WAR OF ALCOHOL

Read Proverbs 20:1, Proverbs 31:4, Proverbs 23:29-32

Read Habakkuk 2:15, Isaiah 24:9

II. THE WORDING OF ALCOHOL

Shekar (Hebrew) = always means intoxicating drink

Tirosh (Hebrew) = never means intoxicating

"Tirosh includes all kinds of sweet juices and does not include fermented wine." Judas David Eisenstein

WORD STUDY:

Shekar (Hebrew) = always means intoxicating drink

Tirosh (Hebrew) = never means intoxicating

Oinos (Hebrew) = can mean intoxicating fermented alcohol OR non-intoxicating syrup

"In all these countries wine was always diluted with water – a long standing custom in Mediterranean regions where pure potable water is not very common." R. Forbes (Professor of History)

"Many wine drinking Christians today mistakenly assume that what the New Testament meant by wine is identical to wine used today. This however is false. In fact, today's wine is by biblical definition called strong drink and hence forbidden by the Bible. What the Bible frequently meant by wine was basically purified water... And therefore, Christians ought not drink wine – beer – or other alcoholic beverages for they are actually strong drink forbidden in scripture. Even ancient pagans did not drink what some Christians drink today." Norman Geisler (former Dean at Liberty University)

III. THE WAGES OF ALCOHOL

50% of all murders - alcohol related

80% of all crime - alcohol related

90% of all assaults - alcohol related

40% of rape victims - consumed alcohol before they were attacked

58% of men imprisoned for rape - consumed alcohol before their attack

The median age at which kids begin drinking - 13 years old

40 % of all those who pick up alcohol before 18 years old - become alcoholics

4 million Americans under 18 - are alcoholics

67% of high school seniors used alcohol in the last month

36% of 4th graders say they have been pressured by their peers to drink

Teenage drinkers are 7 times more likely to engage in premarital sex

2/3 of all school assault and date rapes among teens and college students involves alcohol

1 in every 7 people who start drinking alcohol = become alcoholics

"Alcohol has brought to this world unparalleled suffering. As a counselor I know that alcohol will cause a man to lie to his mother. It will cause a man to beat his wife. It will cause a man to deprive his children. It will cause an otherwise virtuous women to forget her marriage vows. It will turn obedient children into rebuke against parents, against society and against God." Adrian Rogers

IV. THE WISDOM REGARDING ALCOHOL

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"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." <u>Romans 14:21</u>