

PROVERBS

The Way of Wisdom

Drinking



The Purpose of Alcohol



- Deuteronomy 14:22-23
- Judges 9:13
- Psalm 104:14-15
- Ecclesiastes 9:7, 10:19

The issue of Deut.14:26



How do we interpret the use of strong drink with those that condemn it's consumption?

Drunkenness Condemned



☞ Galatians 5:19-21

☞ Ephesians 5:18

☞ 1 Corinthians 5:11-13

☞ Romans 13:11-14

☞ 1 Peter 4:3-4

☞ Habakkuk 2:15

Abstinence vs Moderation



“Complete Abstinence is easier than perfect moderation” ~St. Augustine

Reasons People Drink



- ☞ Momentary Pleasure (23:21)
- ☞ Escape problems and Forget (31:6-7)
- ☞ To have social gatherings (23:20-21)
 - ☞ What about Romans 14:15-21?

The Effects of Alcohol



- ☞ Woe and Sorrow (23:29)
- ☞ Contention (20:1, 23:29)
- ☞ Physical Problems (23:29)
- ☞ Hallucinations (23:33)
- ☞ Dulls the Senses (23:34-35)



☞ Addicting (23:35)

☞ Breeds Irresponsibility (31:4-5)

☞ Breeds Poverty (23:20-21, 21:17)

☞ Lead you down the wrong path (23:19-21)

The Lasting Question



The Question is not "Can I?" but
"Should I?"

1 Corinthians 10:23