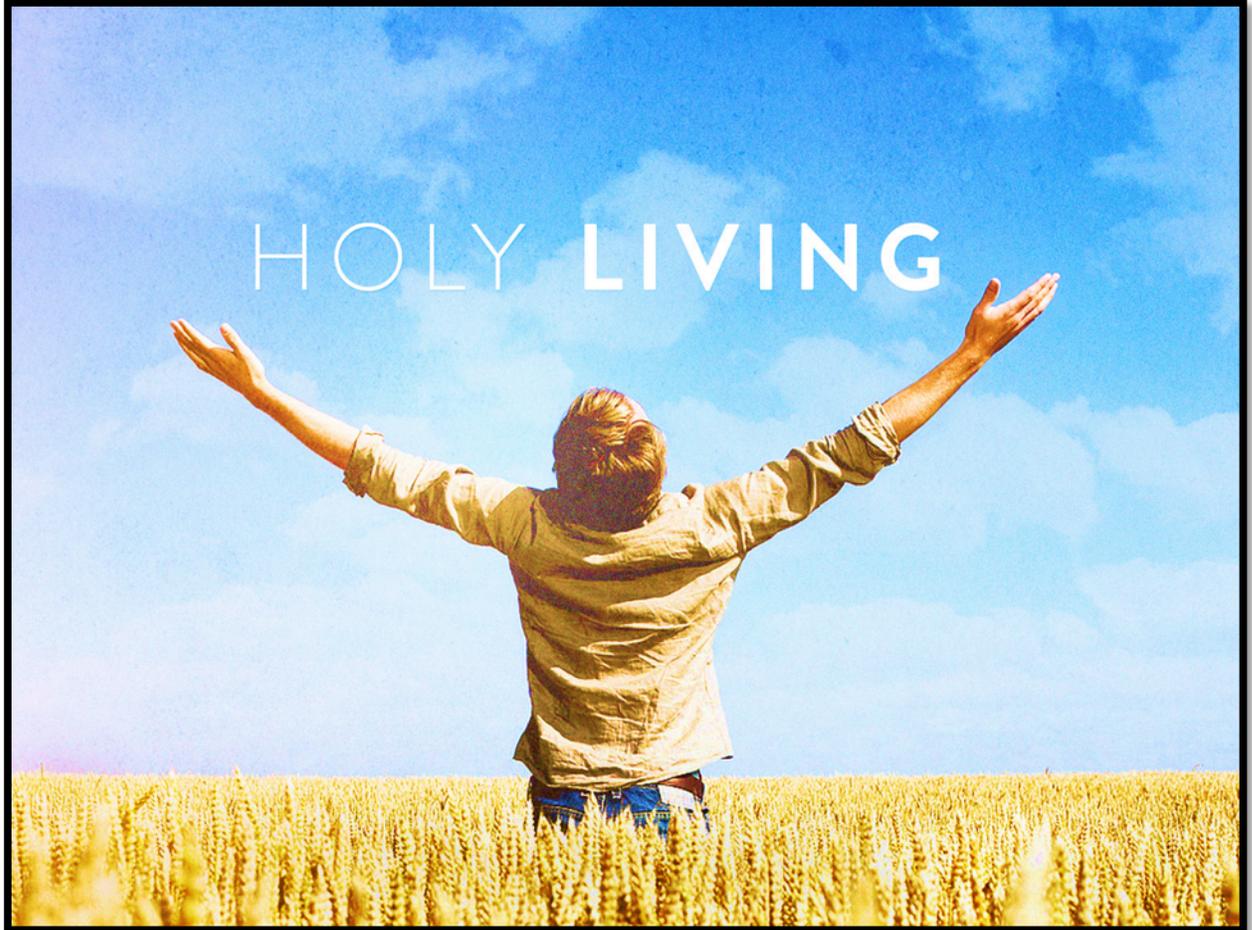


“Be Ye Holy, For I AM Holy”



“Spiritually Sober or Spiritually Drunk”
Bible Prophecy & The End of the Age

“Bible Prophecy & Spiritual Drunkenness”

Remember our drinking days, hopefully before we were saved....Some of us were just young, foolish and full of life. Others were running from pain, from rejection, from addictions, and were stuck in every kind of sick relationships. Maybe we were just so “me-centered” so full of pride, we were giddy on our own ambition, on fame, on sexual desires, maybe on our plans for success and power. When TRUTH came, we came to our senses and became SOBER. Wouldn't it be great if we could just take a great big eraser and blot out all those past actions and start again fresh and new! Thank You Jesus, that your Blood erases ALL of our past and makes us NEW in YOU!

The Word of God has a lot to say about Spiritual drunkenness, which is the result of SIN. So many Scriptures use the allegory of drinking wine and staggering to taking in False doctrines and teachings - both cause His people to lack sound judgment, to lose discernment, and to impair our ability to think clearly and act righteously. Think back to those days of intoxication or just sipping the brew and now pay attention to the parallels in the WORD of being deceived by satan and held captive by our imaginations and ruled by our flesh. Drunkenness and Sin both satisfy the Flesh...both cause serious lack of moral judgment and both appeal to our appetites, while causing us to seek pleasure without counting the cost. We are so eager to relax and enjoy ourselves that we IGNORE the warning in the WORD about being SOBER during the last days, keeping alert and praying always in days of the greatest deception since creation. SPIRITUAL SOBRIETY = restraining the flesh in order to keep spiritually alert to the tricks of the devil! Being Drunk in the Spirit is the opposite of being Sober Minded (protected against deception!)

1 Thessalonians 5:5-8

“You are all children of the LIGHT, and the children of the DAY (true followers of Jesus) ; we are not of the night, nor of darkness (satan). Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be SOBER. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.”

Be SOBER = Keep a state of mind that is ruled by God's Word, keeping our flesh in check and subject to our walk in the Spirit. SOBER is the opposite of DRUNKENNESS.

Romans 8:1-2 "There is now therefore NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

For Believers in Ministry - BE SOBER not DRUNK

1 Timothy 3:2 "A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, nor greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous,

1 Tim. 3:8 "Likewise the deacon must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, holding the mystery of Faith in a pure conscience."

1 Tim. 3:11 "Even so must their wives be grave, not slanders, sober, faithful in all things."

Titus 1:8 "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Titus 2:2 "But the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

Titus 2:4 (Older women) "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

Titus 2:6 "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded."

1 Peter 1:13 "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand, be therefore sober, & watch unto prayer."

Spiritual Sobriety is manifested in those who by not giving into the flesh will exercise true spiritual discernment to see things according to their true nature. The things of God are the most precious things we can ever receive. We need to pay all attention with all of our senses to everything that is going on around us in every service. That means we are to be stable minded, mature, and not be thrown into every wind of doctrine or spiritual manifestations

that deny the Holiness of God, proving what is good, what is acceptable, what edifies and operates under God's spiritual order. CHAOS is not ORDER.

Job 12:25

"They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them to stagger like a drunken man."

GOD's Endtime Judgment is Spiritual Drunkenness!

Revelation 14:10

"the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."

Revelation 17:1-2

"And there came one of the 7 angels which had the 7 vials and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will show you the judgment of the great whore that sits on many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Revelation 18:3

"For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Wine = Seduction of False Doctrine & teaching. By their disobedience and rebellion against the Holy One, they compromise the Word of TRUTH and believe and act on the LIE, moving fully into APOSTASY, becoming deceived and are unable to make sound judgments. Then lured by power and success and fame and money, they forsake Jesus and commit spiritual fornication with false gods. This is known as Spiritual Debauchery; drinking the wine cause them to stumble and accept the snares of the enemy, but in reality they commit spiritual idolatry, which in GOD's eyes is ADULTERY with the world. There can be NO agreement with God's people and the false Church.

Ephesians 5:5-7

For this you know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you

with any vain words; for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not therefore partakers with them.”

Throughout all of Scripture God equates the seduction of His people to Spiritual Fornication, to Harlotry and to Idolatry. He then turns them over to Spiritual drunkenness so that they will stagger as they drink the wine of His judgment.

Spiritual Drunkenness = Deceitful Handling of the Word whereby men can justify their actions. Drunkenness is self permission leading to lawlessness. Sometimes when we were drinking we actually let ourselves fall into actions we would not allow when sober. We choose to let loose, to get free, to be uninhibited, to give into our flesh, to loose self-control. It feels GOOD to let GO.

GOD'S END TIME JUDGMENT of the Nations is SPIRITUAL DRUNKENNESS

Isaiah 19:13-14

“The princes of Zoan have become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof. The Lord has mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in the very work thereof, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.”

Isaiah 51:17

“Awake Awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord of the cup of His fury: you have drunken the dregs of the up of trembling, and wrung them out.”

Isaiah 63:8

“And I will tread down the people (Edom) in my anger, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.”

Jeremiah 46:10

“For this is the day of the Lord God of Hosts, a day of Vengeance, that He may avenge Himself of His adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of Hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates”

Obadiah 1:16

“For as you (Edom) have drunk upon My holy Mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yes, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.”

Romans 13:11-14

“And that know the time, that now is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light; Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof. “

Ephesians 5:18

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be ye filled with the Spirit.

Examples of Drunkenness in the Bible

NOAH Gen

Hannah 1 Sam 1:5

BenHadad 1 Kings 20:16

David got URIAH drunk 2 Sam. 11:13

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1Ti 1:10	For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
☐ 2Ti 1:7	For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
☐ 2Ti 1:13	Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
☐ 2Ti 4:3	For the time will come when they won't endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
☐ Tit 1:9	Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.
☐ Tit 1:13	This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;
☐ Tit 2:1	But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
☐ Tit 2:2	That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
☐ Tit 2:8	Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Sound Doctrine - Sound Speech - Sound Faith