

“Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink” (Is. 5,22).

The young pair has married. They imagined a future as the continuous happiness, but the sin has undermined a root of this happiness. The husband began to seek hard liquor, and it grasped him more. He started to spend evenings out of home. It caused to the young wife a lot of a grief. Time went, and the ideal of her heart has turned to the drunkard.

At last having lost patience, she has gone to a tavern and, having addressed to the innkeeper, has told: «Give me, please, my husband! » — «here are your husband», — the innkeeper answered. «Is he my husband? What have you made with him? What you have transformed him in? Return him to me such what I knew him! »

Alcoholic drinks ruined happiness of many families. Drunkenness is a root of all harms; mother of defect; it doesn't know truth, takes away prudence. Wine heats mind and raises passions and voluptuousness. Who spends time in drunkenness, he has got to the cruel power of a devil.

The Bible says: “Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again” (Prov. 23,29-35).