

# Alcohol as a Remover



## ALCOHOL AS A REMOVER

ALCOHOL WILL REMOVE stains from clothes. But stains from clothes are not the only things alcohol will remove.

Alcohol will remove the clothes as well.

Strange as it may seem, alcohol will do this not only for the man who drinks it, but also for his wife and children.

Alcohol will remove smiles from the faces of wives and mothers. Or husbands and fathers. It will remove laughter from the lips of innocent children.

Alcohol will remove heat from the home, furniture from its rooms, and food from its table.

It removes fine homes and leaves hovels.

It removes plenty and leaves poverty.

It removes fame and leaves shame.

It removes honor and leaves humiliation.

Alcohol not only removes stains; it creates them.

Alcohol quickly stains a reputation. Worse, it gradually stains and deforms a character. It mars the potential of any man or woman who

indulges. And it ultimately ruins the person caught in its deceptive snare.

Alcohol can mark a man for life with its cursed stain. And it can remove from one's experience everything, great or small, that makes life worthwhile.

But that is not the worst that can happen to man. The real tragedy is that alcohol will bar or remove a man's name from the Book of Life. It will remove from his heart all hope of Heaven. It will remove from the realm of possibility fellowship with God Himself, both now and in the eternal future.

God says, "Be not deceived: neither fornicators . . . nor thieves . . . nor drunkards . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10).

There is an antidote, however, for this poison—for this remover of all that is good. This antidote is faith in Jesus Christ. The most hopeless alcoholic may trust in Him for deliverance and salvation. Not only will Christ forgive, but He also will cleanse the human heart from all unrighteousness.

#### **GOD WARNS YOU:**

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging:

and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

"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. . . . 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" (Proverbs 23:29-33, 35).

### **GOD WELCOMES YOU:**

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7b, 9).

Jesus says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37b).

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