

11 Wine, Parties, and Miracles John 2:1-11

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1 The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, **2** and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. **3** The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." **4** "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." **5** But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. **7** Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, **8** he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

9 When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. **10** "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!" **11** This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

WHAT'S AT RISK?

Liberal permissibility that ignores Gospel declarations to avoid drunkenness.

Irresponsible liberty that considers no one.

Fundamentalist legalism that goes beyond the teachings of Jesus and imposes personal conviction on others.

Divisions over differences of opinions on a non-essential to faith doctrine.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT WINE?

1. Don't be drunk. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:18

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

2. Don't allow your liberty in Christ to cause a weaker brother to stumble.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:9

But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble.

3. Obey the laws of the land.

Romans 13:1-2

1 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. 2 So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

4. If the Holy Spirit has convicted your conscience on an issue where the Scripture lacks a clear declaration, then you should honor the Holy Spirit.

Romans 4:5-7 In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. 6 Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

NEXT STEPS

-MEMORIZE EPHESIANS 5:18

-Please pray for me. I struggle with an addiction to alcohol and want to be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not by my addiction.

-I want to be baptized on Saturday, September 17

-**"COUNT ON ME!" I WILL PRAY DAILY FOR THE NEW BUILDING.**