

unintoxicating; in every passage where it is held up as a warning or admonition, it can be shown to be bad, that is fermented and intoxicating. Let any one who doubts this but carefully examine the Bible for himself and he will find abundance of evidence.

4. But it is asked, with an air of apparent triumph "Did not Christ make wine?" Certainly he did. No believer in the Bible ever denied that; but what kind of wine did Christ make? alcoholic? no, *never*! The Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world never made a substance causing so much sin. He sent the spirit of peace among men: not the spirit of *wine*.

Let us briefly examine this much abused miracle.

(a) Notice in the first place the circumstances attending it. It was a marriage feast, which among the Jews commonly lasted seven days. Now upon the supposition that this was intoxicating wine that was made, see what it leads to; here are a company of *professedly religious* men and women with Christ at their head, who have been drinking alcoholic wine for some days, their supply is now exhausted and they are "*well drunk*." This fact is made known to Christ and he immediately creates about 120 gallons more intoxicating wine for their use, thereby virtually saying to them "drink on my friends, no harm at all in being *drunk with wine*. Surely if any host, or any