

a vast company, reeling into eternity every year, appearing before God in judgment, with all their atrocious crimes about them. I believe, sir, that it is generally thought, that even a temperate use of intoxicating drinks is prejudicial to an elevated state of pious feeling; that it is calculated to prevent serious reflection, and to hasten the departure of the Holy Ghost. What then must be the wretched state of him, who, tarries long at the wine, who goes to seek mixed wine. The great Jehovah has expressly and positively declared, that, "drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

3rd. Another reason which led me to adopt the principle of entire abstinence was—I could not see any thing in favor of the use of intoxicating liquors, considered as a common beverage, in any part of the sacred scriptures: on the contrary, I thought I could discern something in the shape both of precept and example which seemed to discountenance that use. On this subject, the language of the Bible, appears to me, to be clear and unequivocal—"Be not drunk with wine."—"Wine and new wine take away the heart."—"Wine is a mocker."—"Strong drink is raging."—"He transgresseth by wine,"—"through drink they are out of the way."—"The priests and the people have erred through strong drink."—"Woe to them that rise up early to follow strong drink, and continue till wine inflame them."—"Woe to them that drink wine in bowls—Be not among wine bibbers."—"Who hath woe, sorrow, contensions, and babblings? They that continue long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."—"Woe to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink."—"Woe to him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth the bottle to his mouth, and maketh him drunken."—"Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it moveth itself in the glass." So much for precept, now let us look at example, and we shall find, that, the drunkenness of Noah, Lot, Nadab, Abihu and Nabal incurred the displeasure of heaven, while the vow of the humble Rechabites, "We will drink no wine," is commemorated by the special and public approval of Jehovah: and to these we might add the example of the wife of Manoah, Hannah, Samuel, and the Nazarites, as securing the sanction of divine commendation. It follows, therefore, that no person of ordinary intelligence, can consult the pages of inspiration, without perceiving at once that the common use of alcoholic, intoxicating liquors, of whatever kind, is strictly