

in His commands. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The forgetting of God is the beginning of folly.

Another startling condemnation of presumptive sin, is the instant destruction of Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron. The story goes to show that these men, having been raised to the special honor of priests of God, to offer sacrifice and oblations to Him for the people, entered the holy place and God's hallowed presence while intoxicated. God's anger was thereupon kindled. With fire from heaven He destroyed them, and enjoined Moses from that time that the priests refrain from taking wine when or before going in to offer sacrifice.

This temporary prohibition does not negative the right to take wine, but enforces the lesson that under given circumstances of special and important duty, and owing to the proneness of man to err, it is dangerous to do so. The statement of a time when we may not do something implies a time when we may do it.