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The wicked drunkards prefer their drunkenness before Christ; the drunkard prefers his pots before him, the drunkard wades through the sea of drink to his grave; he can sit a day or a whole night in the ale-house, and think it a little time; but an hour in the service of God, oh how tedious is that! O thou drunkard, that turnest off thy cups so fast, God Almighty has a cup for thee, but not a cup of sack, or a cup of beer, but a cup of wrath, which thou shalt drink to eternity! which is worse than to drink scalding hot lead down thy throat. He hath so much liquor here; not only drink to quench his thirst, but to drink to excess, till he say and do he knows not what; but in hell he shall have little enough; there is never a tavern or ale-house there; no, there is not a drop of water to be got all hell over. O thou wretch! thou shalt live in burning flames, and thy tongue shall cleave to the roof of thy mouth, and if thou wouldst give a thousand worlds for one drop of water, thou shalt not have it. And therefore I beseech you, if any such there are here, in the name of God hear and fear, and do no more wickedly. Oh! I would not be in thy condition for ten thousand worlds; and yet I cannot but have bowels of pity towards thee, which constrains me thus to speak, knowing thy condition better than thou dost thyself. Oh! couldest thou but speak with thy fellow-drunkards that are now in hell, what a dreadful story would they tell thee of their agonies, and suffering, and pain, and torments! Some are in hell already for the same sins you live in; and if you live and die without Christ, you shall be ere long with them.

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