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Scripture:- Matthew 24: 1-14 and 32-37.

Text:- Matthew 24:-37. "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Introduction:- Jesus is speaking of the time when he would return to earth. He says that the times when he comes again would be times of great moral looseness. "As in the days of Noah". What were the days of Noah. Noah was faithful and warned them about the time. The people paid no attention to him. They were skeptical of his preaching. They did not believe him. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Had a good time. They went about life as usual. They did not know until the flood came and took them away. "So also shall the coming of the Son of man be." The people knew nothing of the meaning of the word "temperance". They thought it meant "not drinking too much". But does it. The new Funk and Wagnalls dictionary defines it thus: "Specifically, the principle and practice of total abstinence from intoxicants." Are we not a temperate people.

### I. The Liquor Trade.

1. Among the youth. Drunkenness and the vice incident to drinking is well nigh unbelievable. Drunkenness among high school and college students is on the increase. An eyewitness, who was on the train carrying students to one of the big football games in Los Angeles, reported that 95 per cent of the students were intoxicated in some of the crowded coaches. This is just one of the hundred of football games in the country. The use of alcoholic liquors has been one of the contributing factors in undermining many of the worlds empires. Liquor has never contributed strength to any nation. It has been a factor in the

defeat of armies, and the loss of wars.

**Lincoln on this problem.**

**Irvin S. Cobb on the problem.**

**The Prince Edward Island.**

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