

Both of these Hebrew words are translated in the New Testament by the same Greek word. There is no evidence that our Lord ever put His approval on the use of fermented liquor.

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT, LAW AND GRACE,
AND THE SECOND COMING**

You are quite right in saying that God the Father was pre-eminent in the Old Testament, that Christ was pre-eminent in the New Testament, and that the Holy Spirit has pre-eminence now. This is true as far as the emphasis on their work is concerned. Yet Christ is the supreme subject of the whole Bible including both Testaments. The Holy Spirit does not testify of Himself, but of Christ. The Old Testament points forward to Christ who is our Redeemer to win us back and to reconcile us to God. There are different spheres of activity, but the persons of the God-head are truly united as one God, and there is no period in which all three cannot really be said to be active.

As regards the particular statements about the Holy Spirit, it seems to me that your friends must surely have misunderstood what Mr... really meant.

The things of God are difficult to express in human language. The Scriptural words are entirely true and free from error, but the understanding of these words may require much consecrated effort.

A great deal of strife between true Christians is based on needless argument over words. Paul warned Timothy against "strifes of words" (1 Timothy 6:4). It is important that we study the