

Assalamu Alaykum.

Honoured guests, one of the sins that is despised by Allah is the consumption of alcohol. The believers are commanded in the Quran and the Sunnah to stay well clear of this sin. Not only is it a major sin but also one of those that has a massive negative impact on society. Its known as, one of the 5 poisons of society.

Allah Exalted in Might States

“Oh you who believe! Wine, gambling, altars and divining arrows are filth, made up by Satan. Therefore, refrain from it, so that you may be successful.”

“Satan wishes only to plant enmity and malice between you through wine and gambling, and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah and from Salah. Would you, then, abstain?”

Translated meaning of Al-Maeda 90-91

These 2 verses and a few more talk about how rotten alcohol is.

One: Allah High and Mighty has brought alcohol next to sacrificing for idols. In another place He Exalted in Might States,

“dhalikum fisq” “that is grave disobedience.” Al-Maeda 3

This is how the companions understood it.

Ibn Abbas said, when the companions were visiting each other at the time alcohol was made haram, they spoke about its impermissibility and commented on how has come next to something that is shirk.

The Messenger SAW said.

“The one who is addicted to wine is like one who worships idols.” Ibn Majah v30,3500

And they are both the same in regards to the Salah not being accepted. Because if a kaafir (pagan, mushrik) was to preform Salah it would not be accepted from him.

Shawkani said. This is an extreme warning because worshipping of idols is the worst type of kufr (disbelief). It is compared to idol worshipping; it's a really scary comparison so as to put it across on the importance of abstaining from it.

Second: the word used in the Quran is "rrijs". This word has come in relation to idol worshipping and the flesh of swine (pork). Here is some of the meaning of this word.

So "rrijs" means extreme dirt, filthiness, dishonourable, great wickedness and many more that I cannot mention. It carries a grave punishment.

Third: Allah High and Mighty States, "refrain from it, so that you may succeed" and this command has also come for idol worshipping.

Allah Exalted in Might States,

"So refrain from the filth of the idols and refrain from a word of falsehood," Al-Hajj 30.

It has also come in relation to those in power who exceed limits (Tagha or Taghut).

Allah High and Mighty States in An-Nahl 36.

"And We certainly sent into every nation a Messenger, (saying) "worship Allah and avoid Taghut (the rebel)."

And again in Az-Zumar 17

"And those who abstain from worshipping the Taghut, lest they worship it"

And again in An-Nisa 31

"If you abstain from the major (sins) out of what we have forbidden you from, We shall write off your minor sins, and admit you to a noble entrance."

And again in An-Najm 32

"Those who abstain from the major sins and from shameful acts, except minor involvements."

Fourth: after leaving off these shameful acts Allah The Most Merciful has brought success, **“la’al lakum tuflihun”** **“so that you may be successful”**. So don’t expect success if you’re not willing to abstain from it.

Fifth: alcohol is a source of enmity between the believers. As our Lord and Maker States: **“Satan wishes only to plant enmity and malice between you through wine and gambling,”** Translation of Al-Maeda 91.

Sixth: it’s a source that cuts the believer off from the remembrance of Allah like Salah and fasting. Allah The Majestic States, **“and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah and from Salah”** Al-Maeda 91.

Seventh: at the end of the ayah Allah Exalted in Might States **“Would you then, abstain?”**

So after all of this have you not heard enough to stay away from it? Has it still not moved you away from it? In answer to this the companions said **“oh our Lord without a doubt we have abstained from it”** then Allah Most High States **“Say, “My Lord has prohibited only the shameful acts, whether open or secret, and (every) sinful act, and unjust aggression,”** Al-A’raf 33

And concerning alcohol He Jalla Wa’ala States

“They ask you about wine and gambling. Say, “In both there is a great sin.”Al-Baqara 219

The Prophet SAW said, **“every intoxicant is unlawful (haram) and every intoxicant is khamr.”** Sunan Nisa’I 5586

And again **“the wine drinker is not a believer at the moment he is drinking wine,”** Sunan Nisa’I 5659

The Messenger SAW Said: **“Allah has cursed wine, its drinker, its server, its seller, its buyer, its presser, the one for whom it is pressed, the one who conveys it and the one to whom its conveyed.”** Sunan Abi Dawud 3764

To sum up, those who want forgiveness and to enter jannah has to by all means stay far from alcohol, its buying selling or consuming.

We have to protect ourselves and families from this evil sin. May Allah High and Mighty enlighten our hearts and make us firm in opposing all that is hateful to Him.

Ameen and Allah Knows best.