

Khamr (Intoxicants)

All praise are due to Allah (s.w.t) and I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship save Allah (s.w.t) and I bear witness that Mohammad (s.a.w) is His Servant and Messenger.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam!

Fear Allah (s.w.t) have Taqwa and follow not Satan's footsteps for he will but command what is indecent and wrong. Shaytan (Satan) is enemy no.1 of man and he does not halt a moment in trying to deceive mankind and send them astray from the Right path of Allah (s.w.t) and his worst enemies are the true Believers the ones he cannot send astray. He then tries other means and for that reason Allah (s.w.t) has warned and alerted the believers to some of Shaytan's (Satan's) plots and traps specially in regard to two matters, intoxicants and gambling, as Allah (s.w.t) says –meaning-: *“O ye who believe! Khamr (intoxicants) Maysir (gambling) Ansab (sacrificing to stones) and Azlam (divination by arrows) are a Rijs of Shaytan's handiwork. So avoid that in order that you may prosper (be successful). Shaytan's plan is but to excite enmity and hatred between you with Khamr (intoxicants) and Maysir (gambling) and hinder you from the remembrance of Allah and from the Salat (the prayer). So will you not then abstain?”* 5/90-91

Ibn-Kathir said: *“Allah (s.w.t) forbids His believing servants from consuming Khamr (intoxicants) and Maysir which is gambling.”*-113/254 and gambling here includes all types, poker machines, horse races, cards lotteries and the likes are all forbidden (Haraam) by Shari'ah Ismaia'h.

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Khamr (intoxicants) is the mother and root of all evil and enmity between people. Hence Allah (s.w.t) has cursed ten things related to it and this shows that anything related to intoxicants if Haraam, prohibited and forbidden under all circumstances, everywhere and at all times and here are the ten matters cursed in Khamr.

1. Khamr (intoxicants) itself is cursed being harmful to the Muslim's faith and body and wealth.
2. The one who drinks Khamr regardless of the quantity being large or little on its own or mixed with other food or drink.
3. The one who serves Khamr being a servant, bartender, restaurant waiter, host or anyone in that field.
4. The one who sells it such as Muslims who own shops or supermarkets or just manage such places. Those who sell Khamr at their restaurants or their hotels and motels, the ones who own wineries etc or individuals, anyone who sells Khamr in any shape or form is cursed by Allah (s.w.t) and by His Messenger (s.a.w) and Allah (s.w.t) will not put any Barakah (blessings) in his wealth even if he makes millions from Haraam sources, his charities are rejected and if he gives Zakat it's thrown back in his until he sincerely repeats and gives up selling and dealing with Umm-ul-Khaba'th Al-Khamr (intoxicants).

5. The one who buys Khamr regardless of buying it for himself to drink or to offer his visitors or to sell or those who work as drivers and do the shopping for their employers are all cursed for buying Khamr.
6. The brewer, the one who makes Khamr at home or in a factory, small or large quantities.
7. One who asks for it to be brewed regardless of his aim to drink, or sell, import or export, he touches or he does not even see it, are all cursed.
8. One who carries Khamr regardless of why or for whom he carries it, transporting it in small or large quantities. This point includes those who work at restaurants and other food outlets as cleaners or waiters and carry empty glasses with Khamr or traces of Khamr left in them even if they only take it from the table to the kitchen, they are indeed cursed.
9. Whoever Khamr is carried to regardless of his aim to drink, or sell, import or export, he touches or he does not even see it, are all cursed.
10. Whoever consumes its price. This includes anyone who may receive payment or gift or commission etc from the sale of Al-Khamr (intoxicants). This point may cover all the previous nine points mentioned before it.

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There has been no other curse imposed by Allah (s.w.t) on any matter with more details than Al-Khamr. That is because of the highly grievous dangers caused by Khamr to people. This curse has been reported several times in Books of Hadith some of which is reported by Imams Ahmad, Abu-Daud, Ibn-Majah and others (r.a) Ibn Omar (r.a) relates that the Prophet (s.a.w) said: *“Ten matters related to Khamr (intoxicants) were cursed: Khamr itself was cursed, whoever drinks it, its server, seller, buyer, brewer, who asks for it to be brewed, whoever carries it, whoever it is carried to and whoever consumes its price.”*-Tafsir 3/260

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Our Ulama'a defines Khamr as being: *“every kind of intoxicating drink regardless of what type it is”*. This is a clue to the Prophet's (s.a.w) statement: *“Every intoxicant is a Khamr and every Khamr is forbidden (Haraam).”* Minhaj-Muslim 2/501-1262