

Destructiveness of ALCOHOL

❖ Alcohol is impure and a satanic act. Avoiding it is a sign of success. (Summarized from *Al-Māidah*: 90) ❖ Alcohol causes mutual hatred and enmity and prevents from the remembrance of Allah (عَدُوًّا). (Summarized from *Al-Māidah*: 91)

Five sayings of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ

(1) Every intoxicant is wine and every wine is **Harām**. (*Sahīh Muslim*, pp. 1109, *Hadīs* 2003) (2) Allah ﷻ has cursed alcohol, the one who extracts it, the one whom it is extracted for, the one who drinks it, the one who serves it, the one who brings it, the one whom it is brought for, the one who sells and buys it, and all those who eat from its earnings. (*Al-Mustadrak*, vol. 5, pp. 199-200, *Hadīs* 7310) (3) Throw it against the wall because it is a beverage for one who does not believe in Allah ﷻ and in the Day of Judgement. (*Hilya-tul-Awliyā*, vol. 6, pp. 159, *Hadīs* 8148) (4) When an alcoholic drinks alcohol, he is not a believer. (*Sahīh Muslim*, pp. 48, *Hadīs* 57) (5) [Drinking] alcohol is the biggest of sins and is the root of all evils; the one drinking alcohol does not offer **Salāh** and (sometimes) he commits adultery even with his own mother, his maternal aunt and his paternal aunt. (*Majma'-uz-Zawāid*, vol. 5, pp. 104, *Hadīs* 8174)

21 Harms of alcohol

Drinking not only ruins one's good manners but also causes harmful effects on society.

❖ The crime rate increases beyond limit due to drinking. ❖ An alcoholic cannot distinguish between his relatives and strangers. ❖ Alcoholic parents cause negative effects on their children. ❖ Alcohol impairs the intellect of a person. ❖ Alcohol wastes and destroys money, causing deprivation. ❖ Alcohol deprives the alcoholic from the taste of food and sensible talk. ❖ Alcohol is the key to every evil as it leads the alcoholic to many sins. ❖ Alcohol takes the alcoholic to the company of wrongdoers. The deeds-recording angels get disgusted due to its foul smell. ❖ It shuts the portals of the skies for the alcoholic for forty days and none of his deeds and **Du'ās** reaches there. ❖ It places the life and faith of the alcoholic at risk. There remains the possibility of him being deprived of faith at the time of death. (*Bahr-ud-Dumū'*, pp. 214) ❖ The human body is immune to the detrimental effects of alcohol in the beginning and the alcoholic enjoys it, but after some time the immunity system of the body is irreparably damaged, causing the harmful effects of alcohol appear permanently. For example, alcohol harms the liver the most, causing it to shrink. Kidneys are also badly affected and eventually stop functioning. Further, heavy drinking also causes the swelling of the brain and nerves. As a result, the nerves weaken and lose functioning. Alcohol drinking also causes swelling of the stomach and weakens bones. Alcohol spoils the stored vitamins of the body. Vitamin B and C particularly become its victims. If tobacco is smoked along with drinking, its harms increase and there is a high risk of high blood pressure, stroke and a heart attack. An alcoholic constantly suffers from tiredness, headaches, nausea and extreme thirst. Sometimes, excessive drinking causes the heart and breathing to cease and the alcoholic meets sudden death. ❖ **Punishment for an alcoholic in the world:** Drinking alcohol makes punishment of 80 lashes **Wājib** (due) upon the alcoholic. Even if he escapes this punishment in the world, he will be lashed in front of all people on the Day of Judgment. ❖ **Alcoholic's punishment in the grave:** His face turns away from the **Qiblah**. (*Kitāb-ul-Kabāir Az-Zāhābī*, pp. 96) He is inflicted with two snakes that continue to claw his flesh and eat it. (*Sharh-us-Sudūr*, pp. 172) ❖ **Alcoholic's punishment in the Hereafter:** The alcoholic will come on the Day of Judgment with his face blackened, tongue hanging out over his chest and saliva drooling out of his mouth. Everyone looking at him will hate him. (*Al-Kāmil fī-Du'fā-ir-Rijāl*, *Ar-Raqm* 399, *Al-Hakīm Bin 'Abdullāh*, vol. 2, pp. 502) He will be hanged with a noose of fire. When thirsty, he will be made to drink, sometimes, smelly sweat and sometimes boiling hot water. There will be thorny trees for eating. Because of wearing the slippers of fire, his brain will boil until it will discharge through his nose and ear. ❖ The alcoholic will be in neighbourhood of 'Fir'awn' and 'Hāmān'. (Summarized from: *Naykiyaun kī Jazāyān aur Gunāhaun kī Sazāyān*, pp. 22-31)

In order to refrain from alcohol and other sins, and to lead a **Sunnah**-conforming life, get affiliated with the **Madani** environment of **Dawat-e-Islami**.