

Ruling on drinking beer

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling on drinking beer and similar beverages?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: If the beer is free of intoxicating substances, there is no harm in drinking it, but if its ingredients have any intoxicating substances, it is not permissible to be drunk. This applies to other intoxicants whether potable or edible. They should be avoided, and it is not permissible to consume them. Allaah (Exalted and Glorified be He) said: [**O you who believe! Intoxicants** (all kinds of alcoholic drinks), **and gambling, and Al-Ansaab, and Al-Azlaam** (arrows for seeking luck or decision) **are an abomination of Shaitan's** (Satan) **handiwork. So avoid** (strictly all) **that** (abomination) **in order that you may be successful. Shaitaan** (Satan) **wants only to excite enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants** (alcoholic drinks) **and gambling, and hinder you from the remembrance of Allaah and from As-Salaah** (the prayer). **So, will you not then abstain?**] The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [**Every intoxicant is like wine and every intoxicant is unlawful.**]² It is authentically recorded that the Prophet (peace be upon him) [**cursed wine, its drinker, the one who serves it, its squeezer, the one to whom it is squeezed, its carrier, the one to whom it is carried, its seller, its buyer, and the one who consumes its price.**] Also, it is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [**Every drink that causes intoxication is legally prohibited.**] It is also authentically reported that: Allaah's Messenger (peace be upon him) [**forbade every intoxicant and narcotic.**]

It is necessary that all Muslims avoid all kinds of intoxicants and warn against them; and if somebody takes anything of them, they have to leave it and hasten to repent to Allaah of this. Allaah (Glorified be He) said: [**And all of you beg Allaah to forgive you all, O believers, that you may be successful.**] Allaah (Glorified be He) also says: [**O you who believe! Turn to Allaah with sincere repentance!**]

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Related by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh