

QUESTION & ANSWER





Q1

Can a person trying to get rid of his alcohol addiction perform his Salaah, or should he just let the time pass by?

Answer

Even though one is trying to get over their addiction, but when in the state of intoxication, they should sit down rather than praying because when one is in state of intoxication, they do not know what they say. He/she might recite the Qur'an wrongly or say words of Kufr unknowingly.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“Whenever one wants to pray the night prayer, he should pray as long as he is conscious.”

But if a person is sleepy, he should not pray and go to bed because he may ask Allah (swt) for Du'a, and instead curse himself. Instead of saying: 'O Allah forgive me', he would say, 'O Allah curse me', because he's asleep. And in the case of intoxication, it is even worse. And this is a punishment for drinking alcohol.



Q2 Can women watch men playing sports?

Answer

As for the Hadith of Aa'ishah (ra) that she watched men playing with their spears, the norm is that whenever there is a Hadith or an Aayah, we do not say that it is specifically for the Prophet (pbuh) and his companions.

The rule in Usool Al Fiqh is 'Al Ibratu Bi Umoomil Lafz Laa Bi Khusoosis Sabab', that what counts is the general text and not what it was revealed specifically for.

Similarly, the ruling for women looking at men is not similar to that of men looking at women, because men are easily affected by women and not the other way around, and that is why men do not wear the Hijaab.

So, the general answer would be that if a woman is not afraid of Fitnah of being tempted, it is permissible for her to watch a presenter on TV, to watch someone walking and not order to lower her gaze unless there is Fitnah.

For the man, it is the other way around. Even if there is no Fitnah, you have to lower your gaze because this is in man's human nature that he is affected and attracted to women easily.

Q3

Can a matron's silence be considered as her approval for a marriage proposal?

Answer

No, a matron's silence is not considered as her approval for the marriage proposal because the Prophet (pbuh) said:



"A matron should not be given in marriage except after consulting her; and a virgin should not be given in marriage except after her permission." The people asked, "O Prophet of Allah! How can we know her permission?" He said, "Her silence (indicates her permission)."

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