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## Sitting at a table where Khamr is served

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

**Question:** I study at a Japanese university that holds many meetings, seminars, and parties, where Khamr (intoxicant) is served. Am I considered sinful for attending such gatherings? It may be worth mentioning that I do not drink Khamr, all praise be to Allaah Alone, and I am even always keen not to sit near it

**Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup>: It is not permissible for you to sit with people who drink Khamr. Rather, you have to forbid them from doing so. If they accept your advice, you may sit with them, but if they refuse it, you have to leave them. Proof for the foregoing is a Hadeeth in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [**Whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day, let them not sit at a table where Khamr is being served.**]<sup>2</sup>

This is also because sitting with people who drink Khamr is tantamount to participating in their bad deed or being content with it while Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) says in Soorah (Qur'aanic chapter) Al-An'aam: [**And when you (Muhammad ﷺ) see those who engage in a false conversation about Our Verses (of the Qur'aan) by mocking at them, stay away from them till they turn to another topic. And if Shaitaan (Satan) causes you to forget, then after the remembrance sit not you in the company of those people who are the Zalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers).**]<sup>3</sup> Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) also says: [**And it has already been revealed to you in the Book (this Qur'aan) that when you hear the Verses of Allaah being denied and mocked at, then sit not with them, until they engage in a talk other than that; (but if you stayed with them) certainly in that case you would be like them.**]<sup>4</sup>

May Allaah grant us success.

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (Related by Imaam Ahmad and Al-Tirmidhee with a good Sanad [chain of narrators])

<sup>3</sup> Soorah al-An'aam 6:68

<sup>4</sup> Soorah Al-Nisaa' 4:140