

Listening to Singing which Stirs Emotion

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

Question: a woman from Iraq asks, I fulfil the religious obligations of prayer, fasting and reciting Qur'aan with complete sincerity, but I also listen to emotional singing, which does not mention alcohol or similar prohibited matters, is this allowed? Could you advise us, may Allaah benefit you.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):¹

'We advise you not to listen to singing at all because it is evil, and because it results in major corruption in the heart.

We advise you to listen to the Qur'aan radio, since it has a lot of goodness, and to listen to the 'Noor ala Darb' (a daily questions & answers) program, and listening to beneficial Ahadeeth. As for listening to singing then leave it and be careful of it since its evil is great.

Allaah Subhanahu said :

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ.

[And of mankind is he who purchases idle talks (i.e. music, singing, etc.) to mislead (men) from the Path of Allaah without knowledge, and takes it (the Path of Allaah, the Verses of the Qur'aan) by way of mockery. For such there will be a humiliating torment (in the Hell-fire).] the Ayaah.

Most of the people of knowledge have said that [idle talks] is singing.

Abdullaah bin Masood – Radhiallaahu anhu – said:

(إن الغناء ينبت النفاق في القلب كما ينبت الماء البقل).

'Indeed singing sprouts hypocrisy in the heart just as water sprouts herbs.'

Abdullaah bin Masood – Radhiallaahu anhu – was from the Companions of the Messenger - Sallallaahu alayhi wa Salam – and from among their scholars - Radhiallaahu unhum Ajmaeen.

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

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It is authentically reported from the Prophet -Sallallaahu alayhi wa Salam - that he said:

((ليكونن من أمتي أقوام يستحلون الحر والحرير والخمر والمعازف))

'There will definitely be from my Ummah groups of people who will make illegal intercourse, silk, alcohol and musical instruments to be allowable.'

Therefore, the Prophet informed us that at the end of time there will be people who will make musical instruments which are for amusement and singing allowable.

So, we ask Allaah to protect us and your selves and all the Muslims from its evil, and to make us all firm upon guidance. Indeed He is the All hearing, the One who is close by.'