

# Waves of Fitnah and Destruction

The upcoming Holiday season brings with it not only a chance to unwind and relax from our daily work routine but a time of merriment and partying that can be highly detrimental to a Muslim's Imaan. Temptations seem to assail a person from all fronts. Advertisements of Fitnah from the newspapers, radio and media bombard from every angle. The environment is twisted in such a way that a person can be swept almost unaware into committing such vices that one would normally shudder to think of at other times. Islamic fairs and Souks provide an Islamic covering to that merriment, but our young Muslim brothers and sisters who are dolling up and sporting the latest fashions know there is nothing Islamic in their intentions of going there.

This is indeed the time that the words of the Master Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam describe as, "The person who holds fast to my Sunnah when my Ummah is corrupt will receive the reward of a hundred martyrs." (Targheeb)

For us to safeguard our Imaan at this critical juncture it is imperative that we formulate a specific plan of action to determine and control how our time is spent. The holidays would then become an ideal opportunity to revive the Islamic spirit in us and our families. This can be achieved in the following ways:

- Spend time in Jamaat.
- Spend time in the company of pious Ulama.
- Attend Majlis of Zikr.
- Spend quality time with your family who are generally neglected during our work periods. Discuss with them their fears and problems and allow them to appreciate how in holding fast to Islamic principles, they will achieve success in this world and the next.
- Read appropriate Islamic literature and further your knowledge.

May Allah Ta'aala bless us with the Tawfiq (ability) to utilise our holidays in a manner pleasing to Him and his Rasool Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam.

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