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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

In this Hadīth, 'Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) stated that he would not feel sorry for a person who dies because of receiving a prescribed corporal punishment applied against him, except the one who drinks alcohols. If such a person died when being punished, 'Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) would pay blood money to his family from the Muslim Treasury, since his penalty exceeded the deserved corporal punishment for drinking alcohols, which is the least prescribed punishment as to size and severity. Based on the Hadīth, no fixed punishment has been set by the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) for drinking alcohols. That being the case, it is considered a discretionary punishment and there is no liability if it led to the death of the penalized person. What was stated here by 'Ali,(may Allah be pleased with him) is a precautionary procedure, regarding which other Companions disagreed with him.



