

## What is food that is “*tayyib*”?

With regards to what conditions must be fulfilled for a food to be *tayyib*, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments:

“O Messengers, eat from those foods which are *tayyib* and work righteous deeds.”

*Soorah al Mu-minoon (23) aayah 51*

So He commanded the messengers to eat from the foods which are *tayyib* – and they are those which Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, declared to be *halaal* (permissible) and those which were acquired in an Islaamically legislated manner.

So if Allaah did not declare it to be permissible – such as intoxicants, then it is not to be consumed.

And even if Allaah declared it to be permissible but it was acquired in a forbidden manner, then it is not to be consumed.

And I will strike two examples for that:

The first – a man eats from a sheep which has died (without being slaughtered). So this person has not eaten from the foods which are *tayyib* because Allaah, the Most High, declared dead meat to be forbidden. And this (meat) is forbidden in and of itself.

The second - a man steals a sheep unlawfully and slaughters it and eats from it. So the ruling upon it is that it is not *tayyib* and it is forbidden due to the manner in which it was obtained.

*(Sharh of an Nawawee’s Forty of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen rahimahullaah , p142)*