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MARRIAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE STATUS OF WORSHIP IN ISLAM

Allah ﷻ says in the Holy Quran:

① وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا

“And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them”

From this sacred verse of the Holy Quran, we get to know that marriage is a Quranic command. Therefore in Islam, marriage is considered an act of worship. Not only this, but hastening one's marriage, and then living with your spouse with love and affection is also an act of worship.

In Christianity, men and women who didn't marry were considered to be pious. Hence monasticism is encouraged in Christianity. But in Islam, monasticism is forbidden.



The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

❶ لَا صُرُورَةَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ

“There is no Monasticism in Islam”

You cannot achieve closeness to Allah ﷻ without fulfilling the rights of the people around you. So to attain closeness to Allah ﷻ, you will have to fulfil the rights of both the Creator and creation. This includes marrying and fulfilling the rights of your spouse, raising your kids well, being a responsible citizen, and at the same time carrying yourself without ignoring any commands of Allah ﷻ.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

❷ مَنْ تَزَوَّجَ فَقَدْ اِسْتَكْمَلَ نِصْفَ الْإِيمَانِ

“whoever marries fulfills half of his faith”

From this Hadith, we get to know that no matter how pious a person becomes, no matter how much zikr, muraqabah and recitation of Quran he does, his faith would still remain incomplete until and unless he follows the sunnah of marriage.

To further encourage marriage, on another occasion Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ said:

❸ النِّكَاحُ مِنْ سُنَّتِي

“Marriage is from my Sunnah”

Whomever wishes to attain closeness to Allah, he cannot seek it without following the sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Therefore, the one who follows the sunnah of marriage, he would be able to attain closeness to Allah. Perfect faith can only be achieved by the one who marries. Marriage enables a person to achieve such closeness to Allah that he could not have achieved otherwise.

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- ❶ Sunan abi dawood: 1729
 - ❷ Al-Mojam-ul-Osat 335/8
 - ❸ Sunan ibn-e-Maja: 1836



5 MATTERS IN WHICH HASTE IS ORDAINED

Islam not only declared marriage as an act of worship, but getting married sooner is also considered worship. That is, getting married is one act of worship and doing it early is also an act of worship.

In our religion, haste is from Shaytaan and patience is from Allah ﷻ, but Allah ﷻ has ordained haste in five matters:

الْعَجَلَةُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِلَّا فِي مَحْمِسٍ، إِطْعَامُ الطَّعَامِ إِذَا حَضَرَ الضَّيْفُ وَتَجْهِيزُ الْمَيِّتِ إِذَا مَاتَ، وَتَرْوِيحُ الْبِكْرِ إِذَا أَدْرَكَتْ، وَقَضَاءُ الدَّيْنِ إِذَا وَجَبَ، وَالتَّوْبَةُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ إِذَا أَدْنَبَ. ❶

FIRST: HASTE IN SERVING GUESTS WITH FOOD

إِطْعَامُ الطَّعَامِ إِذَا حَضَرَ الضَّيْفُ

“When guests arrive then be quick in serving them food”

Nowadays delaying food has become a custom. Even in marriage functions, food is not served until the guests become tired of waiting. This is completely against the nature of Islam.

SECOND: HASTE IN A MAN’S BURIAL AFTER HIS DEATH

The second thing in which the Shariah teaches us haste is this:

وَتَجْهِيزُ الْمَيِّتِ إِذَا مَاتَ

“When a man dies then be quick in his burial”

Nowadays dead bodies are kept several days so that so and so relatives can come from other countries for the funeral. This kind of delay is highly disliked in Shariah.

THIRD: BEING QUICK IN REPAYMENT OF ONE’S DEBT

The third thing in which the Shariah teaches us haste is this:

وَقَضَاءُ الدَّيْنِ إِذَا وَجَبَ

“Repay debt when its due”

That is, when the time of repayment has arrived and there is sufficient wealth available to satisfy the debt, then repayment should not be delayed.

**FOURTH: HASTE IN REPENTANCE AFTER COMMITTING A SIN**

The fourth thing in which the Shariah teaches us haste is this:

وَالْتَوْبَةُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ إِذَا أَدْنَبَ

“Repentance when a sin is committed”

Repentance is based on two things, first and foremost is the person being regretful that they have done something wrong, wondering “Oh why have I done this?” And second is to vow never to do that again. When these two things come together then there is true repentance. And Allah ﷻ loves repentance:

① إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ

“Verily, Allah loves those who turn unto Him in repentance”

It should have been that Allah ﷻ loves those who pray, loves those who fast all year round, or loves those who spend a lot on His Deen. But no, Allah ﷻ rather says that He loves those who turn to Him in repentance. That is this person who commits sins, then feels remorse after committing sins and he turns to Allah ﷻ in repentance and vows never to fall back into the same sins again, then Allah loves him.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

② كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ، وَخَيْرُهُمُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ.

“All the children of Adam are sinners, and the best of sinners are those who repent”

Therefore, whenever a sin is committed, one should repent immediately and should not delay in it.

Allah ﷻ Is Also Willing to Accept The Repentance of Qaroon

In the time of Hazrat Musa عليه السلام, there was a person called Qaroon who was the wealthiest person at that time. Despite his wealth, Qaroon was a miser. When Hazrat Musa AS. instructed his people regarding the payment of Zakat, Qaroon showed much disdain at this as his share of Zakat was significantly high due to his immense wealth. To avoid paying the Zakat, he devised a plan with a woman, who was to accuse Musa عليه السلام in public of unlawful relations with her.

① Surat-ur-Baqarah: 222

② Sunan-ut-Tirmizi 659/4



In return, Qaroon promised this woman a sum of money. The love of wealth can lead people to commit huge mistakes sometimes.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

حُبُّ الدُّنْيَا رَأْسُ كُلِّ خَطِيئَةٍ ①

“Love for the world is the root of all evil”

For the sake of some wealth, this woman decided to falsely accuse the Prophet of her time and she went in Musa ﷺ's gathering. Musa ﷺ was giving a sermon to a gathering when this woman came and said she wanted say to something. Hazrat Musa ﷺ said speak whatever you wish to say. She stood up to speak but when she looked upon Hazrat Musa ﷺ, and witnessed the prophetic noor on him then her heart overturned and fear came over her. As she stood unable to speak, Hazrat Musa ﷺ asked her what she wished to say. This woman then revealed the truth and said that Qaroon sent me here to falsely accuse you so that people will reject your prophethood. Musa ﷺ was very angry. At the same time, he realized that Allah ﷻ Himself put this into her heart not to accuse him and Allah's love came so deeply over him that he went into prostration. He praised Allah ﷻ immensely and remained in prostration until Divine Inspiration came from Allah ﷻ that “O my dear Musa, we have ordered the land to follow your command. It will do whatever you say”. Hazrat Musa ﷺ raised his head and ordered the earth to grab Qaroon and so it did. Qaroon realized that it is due to his conspiracy against Musa ﷺ. He immediately started to beg forgiveness from Musa ﷺ. Musa ﷺ was extremely angry and ordered the earth to further tighten its grip on Qaroon. The earth further grabbed him so that Qaroon was completely swallowed by it. Qaroon was left shouting and begging. Allah ﷻ sent Divine Inspiration that “Oh my dear Musa! You are so strong hearted. Qaroon begged you so much yet you didn't forgive him. Had he once asked Me for forgiveness like this, I would have forgiven all his sins” ②

Indeed Allah Almighty likes repentance. Therefore, a believer should turn to Allah by repentance often. And if he commits a sin, he

① Jami-ul-Ahadees 326/41

② Fath-ul-Bari 448/6



should not delay in seeking forgiveness from his Lord.

Fifth: HASTE IN MARRIAGE

The fifth matter in which the Shariah teaches us haste is this:

وَتَزْوِجِ الْبِكْرِ إِذَا أَدْرَكَتْ

“Marry off the unmarried girl when a match is found”.

In another hadith, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ explicitly ordered Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه that:

يَا عَلِيُّ ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا تُؤَخَّرْهَا الصَّلَاةُ إِذَا آتَتْ، وَالْجِنَازَةُ إِذَا حَضَرَتْ، وَالْأَيِّمُ إِذَا وَجَدَتْ كُفُوًا ①

“Oh Ali! Do not delay in three things. First, Prayer when the time comes. Second, funeral when it's ready. Third, the unwed woman's engagement when a suitable match is found”

Just as offering prayer in its time and hastening in funeral when it's ready is an act of worship, similarly we get to know from this hadith that haste in marriage is also an act of worship. And if delayed, there is a risk of young men and women falling into sins.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

إِذَا خَاطَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ تَرْضَوْنَ دِينَهُ وَخُلُقَهُ فَرُجُوهُ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوا تَكُنْ فِتْنَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ عَرِيسٌ. ②

“When someone whose religion and character you are pleased with proposes to (someone under the care) of one of you, then (let them) marry him. If you do not do so, then there will be turmoil (Fitnah) in the land and abounding discord (Fasad).”

To prevent any such turmoil, the Shariah teaches us haste in marriage.

THREE BLESSINGS THAT COMES WITH MARRIAGE

Verily when a person marries he fulfils half of his faith in Islam and is rewarded for following the Sunnah. Similarly, according to the sacred book of Allah, one is surely rewarded with three blessings.

① Sunan-ul-Kubra 214/7 :13755

② Sunan-ut-Tirmizi: 1084



THE FIRST BLESSING: SOURCE OF TRANQUILITY

The First Blessing that one receives from marriage is that marriage is a source of tranquility.

Allah ﷻ says in the Quran:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا ①

“And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them”

PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ FOUND COMFORT IN HIS WIVES.

It is written in the hadith that when the first revelation was brought to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the cave of Hira, it was the first time that Prophet ﷺ saw Angel Jibreel عليه السلام in his real form. Jibreel عليه السلام asked Prophet ﷺ to read and in reply the Prophet ﷺ said that he cannot read. Jibreel عليه السلام then hugged and pressed the Prophet ﷺ hard and again asked the Prophet ﷺ to read. In his reply the Prophet ﷺ again said that he cannot read, this happened three times before finally the third time the revelations were revealed to the Prophet ﷺ. After this Jibreel عليه السلام left the cave of Hira. The Prophet ﷺ felt concerned for the safety of his life after this.

فَرَجَعَ بِهَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَرْتَجِفُ فَوَازَهُ فَدَخَلَ عَلَى خَدِيجَةَ بِنْتِ خُوَيْلِدٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا ②

The Prophet ﷺ returned to his home in haste from the cave of Hira and asked Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها his wife to cover him with something. Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها brought to the Prophet ﷺ a blanket which the Prophet ﷺ quickly covered himself with. After some time, Prophet ﷺ informed Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها that he was scared for his life. In her reply Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها said, that Allah ﷻ will not abandon the Prophet ﷺ.

① Surat-ur-Rom: 21

② Sahi-ul-Bukhari : 3



because the Prophet ﷺ was always hospitable to his guests and fed the poor and that he ﷺ was kind to the needy and readily forgave others. Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها further reminded the Prophet ﷺ about his humble personality and said that Allah does not abandon such a person. After listening to Hazrat Khadijah رضي الله عنها, Prophet ﷺ felt relaxed and he no longer felt scared for his life. Hence Allah ﷻ has kept such a tranquility in marriage that even for the Prophet ﷺ marriage became a source of calmness for him.

THE SECOND BLESSING: FINDING LOVE

The second Blessing that comes with marriage is love. It cannot be that a marriage takes place, and husband and wife do not find love from each other.

Allah ﷻ says in the Quran:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ ①

“And your (wives) are a clothing for you and you (husband) are a clothing for them”

Scholars interpret clothing in the above ayah as source of coming closer to each other. Just like the closeness our clothes have with our body, the bond of marriage brings the husband and wife close to each other. This blessing of love and closeness can only be achieved after marriage.

THE THIRD BLESSING: FINDING COMPASSION

The third blessing that one receives from marriage is a feeling of compassion. The true essence of this blessing is seen when one of the partners in marriage comes under some difficulty, the other partner naturally feels the pain and tries to help. Such feeling of compassion for each other can only be felt after marriage.



AFTER TENDING TO THE WOUNDS OF HER OLD HUSBAND DID THE WIFE FELT AT EASE

A few years back this Aajiz was given an opportunity to perform Hajj by Allah ﷻ. On the days of Hajj, usually there is a big crowd between Muzdalifah and Mina. Because of such a huge crowd, the probability of incidents increases and people sometimes get hurt.

We were also moving through that crowd, when our eyes felt upon an old couple and we saw that a man's wife was crying and she kept asking something from people nearby. When we moved closer to them, we found out that the old man had a minor cut on his head and there was a slight wound but there was no bleeding. However, the old woman could not stand to see the condition of her old husband and in her restlessness, she was approaching every one nearby to ask for medicines to apply to her husband's wounds.

The old man kept on saying to his wife "Oh woman of Allah! I will apply medicine to my wounds once we reach Mina". But his wife kept on demanding that she would not move from her place till she applies some medicine to his wound. Looking at this situation, a person from our group came forward with some medicine which he was carrying and applied it on the old man's wound. The old man was feeling the pain and tears were coming out from his wife's eyes. Such is the compassion that Allah has kept between husband and wife and whoever marries is blessed with such a blessing.

MISTAKES THAT RUIN THE BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGE

A strange thing in today's world is that, of all the blessings Allah ﷻ has promised for marriage, we hardly find them in households these days. Whoever gets married finds himself spending his life in difficulties and restlessness. And whoever is asked about life, he complains about facing a lot of difficulties and hardships and that before marriage he was more in peace as opposed to after marriage.

Allah ﷻ in his blessed Book has written down that if you marry, you will receive three blessings: comfort, love, and mercy. We are deprived of these blessings due to four basic mistakes.

FIRST MISTAKE: INGRATITUDE

The first mistake due to which we lose the blessings received from marriage is ingratitude. Ungratefulness is found in both men and



women. The man's ingratitude lies in the heart and the woman expresses her ingratitude using her tongue. So usually women are more to be seen as unappreciative, but both men and women should be grateful towards Allah ﷻ: no matter what happens. Always complaining that he/she is like this and that shows ungratefulness. If there is something you dislike, then there must also be some good attributes to look upon. We should be thankful for those good attributes.

Allah ﷻ Says in the Holy Quran:

① لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ

"if you are grateful, We will certainly give you more (blessings)"

Therefore, we should be grateful for the good attributes in our spouses. This is the promise of Allah, He will further increase them. Blessings received from marriage are reduced due to ungratefulness.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

② خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ

"The best of you are the best towards their family"

He didn't say that the best of you is the one who does the most zikr, who prays the most, or the one who does the most mujahada. But rather He said the best among you is the one who has the best treatment towards his family. And good treatment is that the person is thankful for the blessings he is given.

These days, many times out of frustration we often complain about what sort of a wife we got. In this state one could also say that Oh Allah, no matter how she is, she is still better than millions. If we really ponder and look at many who are much worse off, surely we will find reasons to be thankful. But it's rather our lacking that we ignore the good attributes which we could be thankful for, due to which we are deprived of a good marital life. If only we could keep our eyes focused on the positive aspects, then indeed we will get a marriage full of love.

SECOND MISTAKE: ANGER

The second mistake due to which we are denied the blessings

① Surat Ibrahim: 7

② Sunan-ut-Tirmizi: 3895



received from marriage is anger. Anger is innate in both man and woman but a person who gets angry on petty issues can never spend a happy marital life. Getting angry on every little or big issue is an obstacle to having a good marital life.

It comes in a hadith:

① إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْرِي مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ مَجْرَى الدَّمِ

“Verily, Satan flows through the human being as his blood circulates in it (when in a state of anger)”

Therefore, in a state of anger, Satan has complete share in every word that comes out of a man’s mouth, and Satan’s decision will be in every decision he makes. Therefore, we should restrain ourselves from anger.

Allah’s messenger ﷺ said:

② لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرَعَةِ إِتْمَا الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ

“A strong person is not the person who throws his adversaries to the ground. A strong person is the person who contains himself when he is angry.”

Restraining oneself from anger is a big task. Only the one who can contain himself in anger can spend a successful marital life.

EVEN HAJJ COULDN’T REDUCE THE ANGER

Our Hazrat DB used to tell an incident that seemed to be a joke but is a strange example of anger. He narrates that he was on Hajj when one man was going to stone the Satan. On return, he was in the same vehicle when he told Hazrat DB that, instead of 7 pebbles, he only stoned Satan with 6 although he was supposed to use all 7. When asked, he said that he had saved a stone for his wife back home. Such was the intensity of anger that he had for his wife that even during the days of Hajj he couldn’t get rid of it.

BEST RESPONSE TO ANGER

We think that if someone debates or puts up an argument against us then we should also do our best to argue back. As they say, “respond to bricks with sharp stones”. But everything need not be

① Sahi-ul-Bukhari: 1933

② Sahi-ul-Bukhari: 5763



answered. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

أَنَا زَعِيمٌ بِبَيْتِي فِي رِبَاضِ الْجَنَّةِ لِمَنْ تَرَكَ الْمِرَاءَ. وَإِنْ كَانَ مُحِقًّا ❶

“I guarantee a house in the surroundings of Paradise for a man who avoids quarrelling even if he were in the right”

We don't avoid arguments, rather we even argue over our arguments due to which matters are further worsened. Several times it is anger that forces us to make incredibly wrong decisions. Therefore, it is better to be silent when enraged instead of answering back, for silence itself is a strong answer.

Responding to everything is not necessary, nor is answering in every argument. Men and women should try to understand each other. Allah has made women more emotional as opposed to men. The higher the emotions get, the chances of making mistakes also increases usually since the person becomes unreasonable. Thus, men should keep in mind that he should be patient in any such occurrence. It comes in a hadith that both the husband and wife are given the reward of Hazrat Ayyub's AS patience whenever one partner exercises patience and restraint at the other's anger.

It is not possible that a person is married but never faces any such circumstance where he needs to show patience. Married people must exercise patience. If anger is innate and instead of being silent a person has the nature of starting arguments, then a good marital life is not possible. This is why when people come to mashaik, they teach them how to be silent and not how to be argumentative.

ADVICE OF HAZRAT KHWAJA BAQI BILLAH رحمته الله

One of the pious predecessors from among the spiritual chain of our Silsilah, Hazrat Khuwaja Baqi Billah رحمته الله, was once in a gathering with his companions when someone said that “Hazrat, please give us some advice so that we may benefit from it”. Hazrat replied that “the one who could not benefit from my silence could not benefit from my advice as well”. Mashaik teach us to be silent.



Third Mistake: Negative Thinking

The third mistake due to which we are denied the blessings received from marriage is to have negative thoughts. People having this thinking are always trying to find faults in others.

Unimpressed Wife: No One is a Hero in His Own Home

There once used to be a very pious saint, who was loved by many people. But his wife was never happy with him. This worried him greatly, that while he is loved by so many people, his wife does not love him. So this saint would constantly pray to Allah to change his wife's heart. One day the saint's wife caused him a lot of grief and so he prayed to Allah to grant him such a sign that would make his wife soft-hearted. Allah accepted his prayers and granted him the capability of flying. So the saint thought of flying over his house so that his wife could look at this. Hence, he flew over his house four or five times and once he was satisfied that his wife had seen him, the saint came down and went to his house. Upon entering his house, he was confronted with his wife, who said to him "You call yourself a saint? Today I saw a real saint and he could fly." The saint replied to his wife "Oh woman of Allah, the man you saw flying was none other than me." On hearing this the wife replied "No wonder it was you, because I kept on saying to myself why is this man flying crookedly...!". Therefore, taking out defects in a person is such a strange disease that the wife would find defects in such a pious husband.

Divorce Between Highly Educated Couple Over a Minor Issue

In Sweden, there was a PhD couple who were married to each other for 35 years. Divorce occurred between them after 35 years which surprised everyone that they had spent such a long period together and have now separated. On inquiring about the reason, it was found that one day the husband woke up in the morning and wanted to use the washroom. But there were guests in the house and the washroom was in their use. So instead of using bathroom to brush his teeth, the husband used the kitchen's sink. This angered the wife and she argued that this isn't something to be done in the kitchen. She said something harsh to the husband and the husband further responded harshly. Merely this was the reason and the fight grew to such an extent that it became the reason for their divorce. 35 years



spent with love and affection, and all of this forgotten over a small issue. This is the result of negative thinking.

FOURTH MISTAKE: KEEPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-MAHRAMS

The fourth mistake due to which we are denied the blessings received from marriage is having relationships with non-mahrms, even after marriage. In these days, this mistake plays the largest role in ruining marriages. Allah has created one lawful way for men and women to satisfy their needs, and that is marriage. But men establish relationships with non-mahrms and start satisfying their physical needs through unlawful means. If someone tries to stop them from this then they say that we should be open minded. Allah has put an end to the debate between open and close mindedness. Allah did not only forbid talking to non-mahrms, but Has even forbidden gazing at them.

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَعْضُوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ ①

“Tell the believing men to lower their gaze”

Husbands should make their wives the center of attention and wives should also make their husbands their entire center of attention.

Since this is the age of Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter, contact between people has become much easier. Although this is a blessing of Allah, its misuse is also possible. A research company of UK, Optinet, has written in one of its research studies that currently there more than 250 million websites on internet which are showing pornographic material. In this situation, it’s essential for men and women guard their gaze and prevent falling into relationship with non-mahrms to get a good marital life.

A LOVING MARITAL LIFE IS ALSO WORSHIP

Husband and wife spending a life together with love and compassion after marriage is also an act of worship. The Prophet ﷺ has said that when the wife looks at her husband with a smile, and the husband also looks upon his wife smiling, Allah SWT looks at them both smiling. That is, Allah loves it when husband and wife express their love with each other.



THE PROPHET ﷺ LIFE: BEST EXAMPLE OF A MARRIAGE FILLED WITH LOVE

Prophet ﷺ not only taught us on how to spend a love filled life with family, but also practically set an example for the Muslim Ummah that whosoever wants to spend a life filled with love, he should adopt the Seerah of Prophet ﷺ and then see how he enjoys the comforts of paradise while living in this world.

PROPHET ﷺ HAVING A RACE WITH HAZRAT AISHA رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

We find an incident in the blessed Seerah of Prophet ﷺ that:

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّهَا كَانَتْ مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي سَفَرٍ قَالَتْ فَسَابَقْتُهُ فَسَبَقْتُهُ عَلَى رَجُلٍ فَلَمَّا حَمَلْتُ اللَّحْمَ سَابَقْتُهُ فَسَبَقَنِي فَقَالَ هَذِهِ بَيْتُكَ السَّبَقَةِ ①

“Prophet ﷺ once asked Hazrat Aisha رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا for a race. They both raced and Prophet ﷺ was left behind in this race. After some time passed, Prophet ﷺ again raced with her and this time he remained ahead of her. Prophet ﷺ

said: this is in reply to my previous defeat”.

A Prophet of his time, racing with his wife! The purpose was to educate the Muslim Ummah on how to spend a successful marital life.

PROPHET ﷺ DRINKING WATER FROM THE SAME SPOT AS HAZRAT AYESHA رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

Prophet ﷺ expressed his love for his wives. It comes in a hadith that:

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ كُنْتُ أَشْرَبُ وَأَنَا حَائِضٌ، ثُمَّ أَتَانِي النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَيَضَعُ يَدَهُ عَلَى مَوْضِعِي، فَيَشْرَبُ. ②

“Hazrat Aisha رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا drank water from a bowl and then offered Prophet ﷺ the same bowl after pouring more water into it.”

① Sunan abi dawood 2580

② Sahi Muslim: 718



Then Prophet ﷺ drank from the same spot from where Hazrat Aisha رضي الله عنها drank from. Prophet ﷺ used to express his love in such ways. This teaches us a lesson that in order to spend a good marital life, a husband and wife should always establish their relationship on love and compassion. We should also act upon the teachings of Allah's beloved Habib ﷺ and shape our lives according to it. May Allah bless us with a good and love-filled marital life and guide us in satisfying the rights of everyone.

Aameen

وَأَخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

