

gave to his wives was only twelve *uqiyyahs* and a *nash*. She said, Do you know the amount of *nash*? I said, No She said, It equals a half *uqiyyah*. I said this five hundred *dirhams*
[Reported by Muslim]

Ibn 'Abbas also related,
"When `Ali got married to Fatimah, the Prophet (pbuh) asked him to give her anything, but `Ali said, I have nothing to give. The Prophet said, "Where is your mantle (which is called *Al-Hutamiyyah*)?"
[Narrated by Abu Dawud and An-Nasa'i]

Anas reported that when Abu Talhah betrothed Umm Salim, she said, By Allah, no one can reject the like of you, but you are an atheist and I am a Muslim woman. I am not allowed to marry you. My dowry is to embrace Islam, nothing else. When he entered Islam, she married him and that was her dowry.

'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) admonished the People by saying, Do not exaggerate in women's dowry. Were it a virtue in the worldly life or a devotion in the sight of Allah, the Prophet (pbuh) would do it. Then he said, "I have never known that the Prophet (pbuh) gave more than twelve *uqiyyahs* as a dowry to his wives likewise he received the same amount when marrying off his daughters.

[Narrated by Tirmidhi and Ahmad]

"Ali ibn Abu Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) said, The Prophet (pbuh) gave Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her) a pillow of straw as furniture

A Proposal of Marriage

There was a man of the companions who dedicated himself to the Prophet's service. He used to spend the nights near the Prophet (pbuh) to serve him. The Prophet (pbuh) asked him, Would not you like to marry? He said, I am a poor man. In addition, I may stop serving you. Another time the Prophet asked him the same question and the man repeated the same answer.

The man reflected on the Prophet's Words and said, The Prophet (pbuh) surely knows what is better for me in this worldly life and the next. He decided that if the Prophet (pbuh) asked him to marry again he would agree.

When the Prophet (pbuh) asked him to marry for the third time, he said, O Messenger of Allah, may you marry me (to whomever you like)? Thereupon the Prophet (pbuh) said, You would better go to the family of such and such and tell them that the Prophet (pbuh) asks the hands of Your daughter to me. The man said, I do not have anything (to pay as dowry). Then the Prophet (pbuh) said to his companions, Give your brother gold equal to a date stone in weight. After they had collected the gold they went to the bride's family and they agreed. His companions, then, gave him a goat for the wedding banquet.

[Reported by Ahmad]