

to them in knowledge, and used to follow their example in many things. The people of the book would only make love to their wives from the side, this being the most modest way for the woman, and the Ansar had followed their example in that. These people from the Quraish, on the other hand, used to expose their women in an uncomely manner. They took pleasure in them from the front, from the back, or laid out flat. When the Makkans came to al-Madina at the time of the Hijrah, one of them married a woman from among the Ansar, and began doing that with her. She disapproved of it and told him: "We used only to be approached from the side, so do that or stay away from me!" This dispute became very serious until it reached the ears of the Prophet. So Allah, the High Exalted revealed,

{Your wives are as a tilth unto you so approach your tilth when or how you will}

[Reported by Ahmad]

Reward Even While Having Sexual Intercourse

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Some of the companions of the Prophet said to him: 'O Messenger of Allah, the affluent among us has taken the rewards (at the hereafter)! They pray as we pray, fast as we fast, and then they give charity from the surplus of their wealth!' The Prophet said: "Did Allah not make for you that from which you can give sadaqa (a reward)? Verily for every time you say Subhannallah (Exalted is Allah) there is a sadaqa, and for every time you say Allahuakbar (Allah is Most Great) there is a

sadaqa, and for every time you say Al-Hamdulillah (Praise is to Allah) there is sadaqa, and in every act of enjoining what is right there is sadaqa, and in every act of forbidding what is wrong there is a sadaqa, and in your sexual relations there is a sadaqa." The Companions said: "O Messenger of Allah, is there a reward for one of us when he satisfies his sexual desire?" The Prophet said: "Don't you see, if he had satisfied it with the forbidden, would there not have been a sin upon him?" They said: "Why, yes! He said: "In the same way, when he satisfies it with that which is lawful, there is for him in that a reward."²⁹

[Reported by Muslim]

Reward for Those Who Have Sexual Intercourse with Their Wives on Fridays

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Whoever has a bath like that done because of ritual impurity and goes out (to mosque), he gives in charity a camel, a cow at the second hour, a sheep at the third hour, a hen at the fourth hour or an egg at the fifth hour. If the Imam ascends the pulpit, the angels turn to him to listen.

²⁹ The dearest thing to Satan is to have a couple separated so as to drive them to the way of corruption. It was reported that the Prophet (pbuh) said, Satan often sends his soldiers everywhere in the earth saying to them, Whoever diverts a Muslim I will crown him. The most skilful one in diverting people, the nearest to me. Meanwhile, a devil comes and says, "I kept tempting such and such until he divorced his wife." Satan says, You did nothing. He will marry another woman. Another comes and says, I kept tempting such and such until he fell in adultery. Satan says, Great and well done. Then he makes him nearer to him and gives him the crowns.