

Caressing

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Prophetic Hadiths:

Jabir related,

While we were returning from a conquest with the Prophet (pbuh), I started driving my camel fast, as it was a lazy camel. A rider came behind me and pricked my camel with a spear he had with him, and then my camel started running as fast as the best camel you may see. Behold! The rider was the Prophet (pbuh) himself. He said, What makes you in such a hurry? I replied, I am newly married. He said, Did you marry a virgin or a non-virgin? I replied, A non-virgin. He said, Why did not you marry a young girl³⁶ so that you may play³⁷ with her and she with you?

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Jabir also related,

When I married, Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said to me, What type of lady have you married? I replied, I have married a non-virgin woman. He said, Why, do not you have a liking for the virgins and for fondling them?

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

`Aisha related,

"Eleven women sat (at a place) and promised and contracted they would not

³⁶ This is because a virgin woman has the luster of pleasure, clings to her husband and is easy to be learned what her husband wants to implant of good manners.

³⁷ The first time to have sex with your partner is very critical. Both of you may be fumbling and do not know what he or she ought to do. This is because both of you plan how to lose his or her virginity as fast as possible. Caressing one's wife is so important at that moment. Speak to her about your love and passion. Get to know each other's body. Take your time in caressing each other and you will lead a happy life.

conceal anything of the behaviour of their husband. The first one said, My husband is like the meat of a lean weak camel which is kept on the top of a mountain which is neither easy to climb, nor is the meat fat, so that one might put up with the trouble of fething it.³⁸ The second one said, I shall not relate my husband's behaviour, for I fear that I may not be able to finish his story, for if I describe him, I will mention all his defects and bad traits. The third one said, my husband is a tall man: If I describe him (and he hears of that) he will divorce me, and if I keep quiet, he will neither divorce me nor treat me as a wife. The fourth one said, my husband is a moderate person like the night of Tihama which is neither hot nor cold. I am neither afraid of him, nor am I discontented with him. The fifth one said, My husband, when entering (the house) is a leopard, and when going out, is a lion. He does not ask about whatever is in the house.³⁹ The sixth one said, If my husband eats, eats too much (leaving the dishes empty), and if he drinks he leaves nothing, and if he sleeps alone (away from me) covered in garments and does not stretch his hands here and there so as to know how I fare. The seventh one said, My husband is a wrong-doer or weak and foolish. All the defects are present in him. He may injure your head or your body or may do both. The eighth one said, My husband is soft to touch like a rabbit and smells like a *Zarnab* (a kind of good smelling

³⁸ Her husband is badly behaved, worthless, arrogant and miserly.

³⁹ She compares her husband with a leopard, which is well-known for being shy, harmless and fond of too much sleep. She compares him with a lion when he is out for fighting. Besides, he does not interfere in the home affairs, e.g., he does not ask her how much she has spent, nor does he criticize any fault he may notice.