

his right-hand possessed. Then they said, "If the Prophet (pbuh) screens her from the people, then she is the Prophet's wife but if he does not screen her, then she is a slave girl." So when the Prophet (pbuh) proceeded he made a place for her on the camel behind him and screened her from people."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

## **The Obligation of Accepting the Wedding Banquet**

### **Qur'anic Verses:**

{But when you are invited, enter; and when you have taken your mail, disperse.}

[Al-Ahzab: 53]

### **Prophetic Hadiths:**

Reported 'Abdullah Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

If anyone of you is invited to a wedding banquet, he must accept the invitation. And let him eat if he wants it, otherwise he should not do.

[Reported by Muslim]

Narrated Abu Musa: The Prophet (pbuh) said,

Set the captives free accept the invitation (to a wedding banquet), and pay a visit to the patients.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

## **Limiting the wedding banquet to the wealthy people:**

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) related,

"The worst food is that of a wedding banquet to which only the rich are invited. And he who refuses an invitation (to a banquet) disobeys Allah and His Messenger (pbuh)."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

## **Inviting the righteous people to the banquet:**

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

Do not befriend but a believer and do not give food but to a righteous.

[Reported by Abu Dawud, and Tirmidhi]

## **Not Accepting the Wedding Banquet If One sees something disapproved of (from the standpoint of religion) in the party**

### **Prophetic Hadiths:**

Narrated `Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) the wife of the Prophet (pbuh),

"I bought a cushion having pictures on it. When Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saw it, he stood at the door and did not enter. I noticed the sign of disapproval on his face and said, O Allah's Messenger! I repent to Allah and His Messenger. What sin have I committed?" Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "What is this cushion?" I said, "I have bought it for you so that you may sit on it and recline on it." Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "The makers of these pictures will be punished on the Day of Resurrection, and it will be said to them, "Give life to what you have created (i.e. these pictures)." The Prophet (pbuh) added, "Angels do not enter a house in which there are pictures."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]