

[Al-Rum: 21]

The Husband's Right towards his Wife

Prophetic Hadiths:

Had it been permissible that a person prostrate himself before another, I would have ordered that a wife prostrate herself before her husband.

[Reported by Tirmidhi]

Allah will not look at a woman who is ungrateful to her husband, while unable to do without him.

[Reported by Al-Nasa'i]

"There are three (kinds of) people whose prayers are not accepted by Allah, nor does any good deed of theirs rise up to heaven: a fleeing slave until he returns to his master and helps him, a woman whose husband is angry with her, and a drunkard until he becomes conscious.

[Narrated by Ibn Hibban]

Hussain ibn Muhsan's aunt mentioned her husband to the Prophet (pbuh) who said, Evaluate yourself concerning your husband for he is your Paradise or Hell-fire.

[Reported by Ahmad and Al-Hakim]

A Woman's Voluntary Fasting

Prophetic Hadiths:

It is not lawful for a woman to fast (voluntarily) when her husband is present, save by his permission. Nor to permit anyone into his house except with his permission.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

A woman came to the Prophet (pbuh) while we were with him. She said: Messenger of Allah, my husband, Safwan ibn al-Mu'attal, beats me when I pray, and makes me break my fast when I keep a fast, and he does not offer the dawn prayer until the sun rises.

He asked Safwan, who was present, about what she had said. He replied: Apostle of Allah, as for her statement He beats me when I pray, she recites two surahs (during prayer) and I have prohibited her (to do so).

He (the Prophet) said: If one surah is recited (during prayer), that is sufficient for the people.

(Safwan continued :) As regards her saying "he makes me break my fast," she dotes on fasting; I am a young man, I cannot restrain myself.

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said on that day: A woman should not fast except with the permission of her husband.

(Safwan said :) As for her statement that I do not pray until the sun rises, we are a people belonging to a class, and that (our profession of supplying water) is already known about us. We do not awake until the sun rises. He said: When you awake, offer your prayer.

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

It is not allowed for a woman to spend her husband property without his permission.