

Marriage Is Enjoyment and Responsibility

The Marital Life Is Not Just for Pleasure

Qur'anic verses:

{O consorts of the Prophet: Ye are not like any of the (other) women: If ye do fear (Allah), be not too complaisant of speech, lest one in whose heart is a disease should be moved with desire: but speak ye a speech (that is) just. And stay quietly in your houses, and make not a dazzling display, like that of the former times of Ignorance; and establish regular prayer, and give zakat and obey Allah and His Messenger. And Allah only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye Members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless.}

[Al-Ahzab: 32- 33]

Prophetic Hadiths:

Allah has mercy on a man who gets up in the night and performs prayers. Then he awakes his wife (to pray) and sprinkles water on her face if she refuses. Allah has mercy on a woman who gets up in the night and performs prayers. Then she awakes her husband (to pray) and sprinkles water on his face if he refuses.

[Reported by Al-Nasa'i]

If a man awakes his wife at night and they

perform two rak'ats together, they will be counted among men and women who engage much in Allah's remembrance.

[Reported by Abu Dawud and Al-Nasa'i]

From the Arms of His Bride to the Battlefield

Prophetic Hadiths:

"When Hanzhala ibn 'Amir had been killed the Prophet (pbuh) said (to his companions", (Angels are washing your friend now.⁵⁹ When they asked his wife, she said, No sooner did he hear the call of Jihad, he left without having the bath after sex.

[Reported by Tirmidhi]

How Islam Brings up the Woman

Prophetic Hadiths:

Ibn Hisham in his seerah (The Biography of the Prophet), reported Umm Sa'd ibn al-Rabei' to have said, "Once, Umm `Imara visited me. I asked her to tell me her story in the battle of Uhud. She said,

"I arrived at the battlefield in the beginning of the day. I was supposed to provide the soldiers with water. The Prophet (pbuh) and his companions were victorious at the beginning of the war. Then when Muslims were about to be defeated, I stood by the Prophet (pbuh) and began to defend him by sword and arrows until I was injured. Umm Sa'd said, Then I noticed a deep wound in her shoulder.

⁵⁹ How great is that companion of the Prophet! He did not postpone fighting in the cause of Allah until he have a bath because after having sexual relation with his bride. He was newly married. It might be the first time to have sex with his bride. Yet, he preferred to respond to Allah's call so that he might be killed as a martyr and gain what is beyond the human pleasure and felicity.