

The Prophet As A Serious Husband

Qur'anic verses:

{O Prophet! Say to thy consorts: if it be that ye desire the life of this world, and its glitter then come! I will provide for your enjoyment and set you free in a handsome manner. But if ye seek Allah and His Messenger, and the Home of the Hereafter, verily Allah has prepared for the well-doers amongst you a great reward.}⁶⁰

⁶⁰ Abu Bakr Callie and sought permission to see Allah's Messenger (pbuh). He found people sitting at his door and none amongst them had been granted permission, but it was granted to Abu Bakr and he went in. Then came Umar and he sought permission and it was granted to him and he found Allah's Apostle (pbuh) sitting sad and silent with his wives around him. He (Umar) said: I wanted say something which would make the Holy Prophet (pbuh) laugh, so he said: Messenger of Allah, I wish you had seen (the treatment meted out to) the daughter of Khadijah when she asked me for some money, and I got up and slapped her on her neck. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) laughed and said: They are around me as you see, asking for extra money. Abu Bakr then got up, went to Aisha (Allah be pleased with her) and slapped her on the neck, and Umar stood up before Hafsa and slapped her saying: You ask Allah's Messenger (pbuh) for that which he does not possess. They said: By Allah, we do not ask Allah's Messenger (pbuh) for anything he does not possess. Then he withdrew from them for a month or for twenty-nine days. Then this verse was revealed to him:

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[Al-Ahzab: 28]

He then went to Aisha and said: I want to propound something to you, Aisha, but want no hasty reply before you consult your parents. She said: Messenger of Allah, what is that? He (the Holy Prophet) recited to her the verse, whereupon she said: Is it about you that I should consult my parents, Messenger of Allah? Nay, I choose Allah, His Messenger, and the Last Abode; but I ask you not to tell any of your wives what I have said. He replied: Not one of them will ask me without my informing her. God did not send me to be harsh, or cause harm, but He sent me to teach and make things easy.

The Ascetic Life of the Prophet

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased upon him) said,

"Once I entered upon the Prophet (pbuh) while he was sleeping on a mat of palm-leaves which left traces on his side. I said to him, Would you not have bedding beneath you to protect your side. He said, I have nothing to do with this world? This world and I are like a traveler who resorted to the shade of a tree and then left.

[Reported by Tirmidhi]

'Umar made a mention of what had fallen to the lot of people out of the material world and he said: I saw Allah's Messenger (pbuh) spend the whole day being upset because of hunger and he could not get even an inferior quality of dates with which he could fill his belly.

[Reported by Muslim]

'Urwaah ibn AI-Zubair related, "Aisha said to me, "O my nephew! We used to see the crescent, and then the crescent and then the crescent in this way we saw three crescents in two months and no fire (for cooking) used to be made in the houses of Allah's Apostle. I said, "O my aunt! Then what use to sustain you?" 'Aisha said, "The two black things: dates and water, our neighbors from Ansar had some Manarh and they used to present Allah's Apostle some of their milk and he used to make us drink."