

# **Non-Segregation of Sexes and Staying in Seclusion with Woman**

## **Prophetic Hadiths:**

"No man should spend a night with a woman except the husband or an unmarriageable kin."

[Reported by Muslim]

"Satan is the third of the man and the woman who stay alone."<sup>72</sup>

[Reported by Tirmidhi]

"No man should stay with a lady in seclusion except in the presence of an unmarriageable kin"

[Reported by Bukhari and Muslim]

## **O Wife Be Ware!**

## **Prophetic Hadiths:**

"A woman should not look at or touch another woman to describe her<sup>73</sup> to her husband in such a way as he was actually looking at her."

[Reported by Bukhari, Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi]

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<sup>72</sup> In his book "The woman and Hijab" Mohammed Tal'at Harb said, "There is still one step to demolish the Islamic society: to fashion the Muslim woman like the western one." Some people think that mixture between man and woman helps them desist sex. This is undoubtedly a naive point of view .How about the wife- husband relationship. Do they not think of sex at all although they live together?

<sup>73</sup> Imam Ibn Qayyim said, "the Motivations of love are four, first of which is one's gaze either by eye or by heart. Many people may love someone without seeing him. They may just hear the description of whom they love.

### **The safety belt of a woman**

"It is not lawful for a woman who believes in Allah and the last Day to travel more than a full-day distance except with her unmarriageable kin."

[Reported by Bukhari and Muslim]

## **A gaze Is one of Satan's Arrows**

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

{Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty:<sup>74</sup> that will make for greater purity for them: and Allah is well acquainted with all that they do. And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what (ordinarily) appears thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers or their brothers' sons, or their women, or the slaves whom their right hands possess or male attendants free of sexual desires. Or small children who have no carnal knowledge of women, and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden

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<sup>74</sup> In his book "Rawdat of Muhibbin", Ibn Qayyim summed up some benefits of lowering one's gaze

- (1) Freeing one's heart from painful remorse. When one looks at an unattainable thing, he may have nothing but to blame himself
- (2) Bringing joy and delight to one's heart that may exceed that delight caused by a gaze. Some one said, "By Allah the pleasure attained by chastity is greater than that which is attained by committing a sin."
- (3) Strengthening one's heart.
- (4) Enlightening one's heart, face and all other organs of the body.
- (5) Freeing one's heart from lust and desire.
- (6) Blocking one of the gates of the Hell-fire.
- (7) Strengthening one's mind