

Family and Dangers

The Husband's Relatives and Friends

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Beware of entering upon ladies", A man asked, "Allah's Messenger! What about al-Hamul the in-laws of the wife (the brothers of her husband or his nephew etc.)? The Prophet (pbuh) replied: The in-laws of the wife are death itself.⁷⁷

[Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Beware of the Display of Woman's Body

Qur'anic verses:

{O Prophet! Tell thy wives and daughters, and the believing women, that they should cast their outer garments over their persons⁷⁸ (when out of doors): that is most convenient, that they should be known (as such) and not molested and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.}

[Al-Ahzab: 59]

{O ye children of Adam! let not Satan

⁷⁷ It is mainly the brothers of the husband or the in-laws of the wife who are meant here are only those who could have married that woman if she had not been married. ²The stay of a relative of a woman by marriage in seclusion with her may cause great disadvantage and lead to illegal sexual intercourse that would ruin the family. Therefore the prophet (pbuh) compared the brother in-law of a wife to death if he stays in seclusion with her. The husband's friends are also included in the above warning.

⁷⁸ The object was not to restrict the liberty of women, but to protect them from harm and molestation. Young men are easy to be seduced when seeing a woman showing her body. They cannot control their desires and they, in turn, may kidnap her or rape her.

seduce you, in the same manner as he got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment, to expose their shame}

[Al- A'raf: 27]

{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) appear 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 sisters 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 ornaments. And O ye Believers! Turn ye all together towards Allah in repentance that ye may be prosperous}

[Al-Nur: 31]

{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:

"Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her)