
A BEAUTIFUL ADVICE CONCERNING MARRYING THEN DIVORCING EASILY

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Our Shaykh, the Muhaddith, Muqbil ibn Haadee (*rahimahullaah*) was asked by some of the brothers from the United States:

[Q]: “There is an evil habit that has spread amongst the practicing brothers (*salafyyeen*), it is that one of them will marry a woman and after a few short days a quarrel will take place between the spouses and the news will spread (to the community). Then, there are some brothers who encourage him to divorce her, until the point that there is a sister who has been divorced fourteen times, and this is widespread and apparent, and there is no one there (America) from the people of knowledge for them to return to, so what do you advise us with?”

[A]: The Shaykh answered, “I advise the brothers with what the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) has said, “The believing man does not dislike the believing woman, if he is displeased with something in her, he is pleased with something else (in her).” And what has come in the two Saheehs on the authority of Aboo Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) said, “Be good to women, for indeed they were created from the rib, and indeed the rib is crooked, and the most crooked part of the rib is the upper portion, so if you try to straighten it you will break it, and if you leave it as it is it will remain crooked, so be good to women.” And also on the Prophet (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) said, “Indeed the woman was created from the rib and she will not be straightened, so if you leave her as she is she will remain crooked, and if you try to straighten her you will break her, and breaking her is divorcing her.” And the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) said, “I have not seen anyone more deficient in intellect and religion who takes away the mind of a prudent man faster than one of you (women).” So deficiency of intellect and religion is something persistent in most women.”

And Allaah says in His Noble Book,

“...**And live with them in kindness.**” [Sooratun-Nisaa’, 4:19]

And He also says,

“Men are the protectors and maintainers of Women because Allaah has caused one of them to excel the other and because of what they spend (to support them) from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in their husband’s absence what Allaah would have them guard. As for the women on whose part you see ill-conduct, then admonish them (first), (next) refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them lightly but if they return to obedience, seek not against them means of annoyance. Surely Allaah is Most High, Most Great.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’, 4:34]

So if she has some bad etiquettes then be patient with her, but if she is not chaste (lewd) then divorce her, Allaah says,

“The fornicating man only marries the fornicating woman or a *mushrik* and the fornicating woman only marries the fornicating man or a *mushrik* and this is forbidden from the believers.” [Sooratun-Noor, 24:3]

And she is in a land of self-indulgence, a land of sin and evil that does not aid one upon the religion, not to mention upon good. And for Allaah to guide these women by your hands is better for you than *humurun-ni’am* (the red she-camel).¹

The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) stood in front of the people and said: “Verily Allaah commands you to be good to women [stated three times], for certainly they are your mothers, daughters, and aunts, and indeed a man from the people of the Book will marry a poor young woman and neither one of them will desire to leave (divorce) the other until they die of old age.”²

Imaam Al-Manaawee says in ‘*faydul-qadeer*’³ in the explanation of this *hadeeth*, “What is intended is to encourage the Companions to be good to women and to be patient with them.”

Shaykh ‘Alee Ridaa said in commentary of this *hadeeth*, “From the most precious of the Prophetic *ahadeeth* in commanding being good to women, and kind to them, rather in it is the encouragement not to divorce, and to remain with them until death.”



¹ See ‘*tufatul-mujeeb*’ question no. 112.

² It has been collected by At-Tabaraanee in his ‘*mu’jam al-kabeer*’, and has been authenticated by al-Muhaddith Al-Albaanee (*rahimahullaah*) in ‘*assaheehali*’ (no.2871), on the authority of Al-Miqdaam ibn Ma’dee.

³ ‘*faydul-qadeer*’ (2/404).