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Enjoinment of Marriage

الحَثُّ عَلَى الزَّواجِ

1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أحَبَّ أن يَلقَى اللّهَ طاهِراً مُطَهَّراً فَلْيَلْقَهُ بزَوجَةٍ

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever wants to meet Allah pure and immaculate should meet him accompanied by a wife.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 220, no. 18]

2ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما بُنِيَ في الإسلامِ بِناءٌ أحَبَّ إلى اللّهِ عزّوجلّ ، وأعَزَّ مِنَ التَّزويجِ

2– The Prophet (S) said, 'There is no institution in Islam more beloved and dearer to Allah than marriage.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 222, no. 40]

3ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): النِّكاحُ سُنَّتِي ، فَمَن رَغِبَ عَن سُنَّتي فَلَيسَ مِنّي . .

3– The Prophet (S) said, 'Marriage is my practice, so whoever rejects my practice is not from me.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 220, no. 23]

4ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما مِن شابٍّ تَزَوَّجَ في حَداثَةِ سِنِّهِ إلّا عَجَّ شَيطانُهُ: يا وَيْلَهُ ، يا وَيْلَهُ ! عَصَمَ مِنّي ثُلُثَي دِينِهِ ، فَلْيَتَّقِ اللّهَ العَبدُ في الثُّلُثِ الباقِي.

4– The Prophet (S) said, 'When any young person gets married at the prime of his youth, his inner Satan cries out in rage, 'Woe unto him! Woe unto him! Two thirds of his faith have now been secured against me, and he has only to be careful of his duty to Allah in the remaining third.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 221, no. 34]

5ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا تَزَوَّجَ العَبدُ فقدِ استَكمَلَ نِصفَ الدينِ ، فَلْيَتَّقِ اللّهَ في النِّصفِ الباقي

5– The Prophet (S) said, 'When the servant gets married, he has completed half of his faith, so let him be careful of his duty to Allah in the remaining half.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44403]

6ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): المُتَزَوِّجُ النائمُ أفضَلُ عِندَ اللّهِ مِنَ الصائمِ القائمِ العَزَبِ

6– The Prophet (S) said, 'A married person sleeping is better in the sight of Allah than an unmarried person spending his night in fast and prayer.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 103, p. 221, no. 25]

7ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): اِتَّخِذُوا الأهلَ؛ فإنّه أرْزَقُ لَكُم

7– The Prophet (S) said, 'Take up a wife for verily that will bring about an increase in your sustenance.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 217, no. 1]

8ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): زَوِّجُوا أياماكُم ، فَإنَّ اللّهَ يُحسِنُ لَهُم في أخلاقِهِم ، ويُوَسِّعُ لَهُم في أرزاقِهِم ، ويَزِيدُهُم في مُرُوّاتِهِم .

8– The Prophet (S) said, 'Marry those who are single among you for verily Allah will develop their moral traits [through marriage], He will increase their sustenance for them, and will enhance their integrity and gallantry.'[Bihar al–Anwar,p. 222, no. 38]

9ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): رَكعَتانِ يُصَلّيهِما مُتَزَوِّجٌ أفضَلُ مِن سَبعينَ رَكعَةً يُصَلّيها غيرُ مُتَزَوِّجٍ .

9– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'A two–unit prayer performed by a married person is better than seventy units performed by an unmarried person.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 219, no. 15]

Unmarried People

العُزّابِ

. . رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): شِرارُ مَوتاكُمُ العُزّابُ10

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'The worst ones from among your dead are the single people.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 221, no. 34]

. . رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): شِرارُكُم عُزّابُكُم ، رَكعَتانِ مِن مُتَأَهِّلٍ خَيرٌ مِن سَبعِينَ ركعةً مِن غَيرِ مُتَأَهِّلٍ11

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'The worst ones from among you are the single ones – two units of prayer performed by a married person is better than seventy units performed by an unmarried person.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44448]

The Reward for Getting Fellow Muslims Married

ثَوابُ تَزويجِ الإخوانِ

. . الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن زَوَّجَ أعزَبا كانَ مِمَّن يَنظُرُ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ إلَيهِ يَومَ القِيامَةِ12

12– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who arranges for a single person to get married will be amongst those whom Allah will regard [with mercy] on the Day of Resurrection.'[al–Kafi, v. 5, p. 331, no. 2]

. الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ثلاثةٌ يَستَظِلُّونَ بِظِلِّ عَرشِ اللّهِ يَومَ لا ظِلَّ إلّا ظِلُّهُ: رَجُلٌ زَوَّجَ أخاهُ المسلمَ ، أو13
أخدَمَهُ ، أو كَتَمَ لَهُ سِرّاً.

13– Imam al–Kazim (a.s.) said, 'There are three types of people who will be shaded by Allah's Throne on the Day when no shade will avail apart from it: the one who arranged the marriage of a fellow Muslim brother, or served him in some way, or concealed his Muslim brother's faults [from others].'[al–Khisal, p. 141, no. 162]

Enjoinment of Urgency in Marriage

الحثّ على التعجيل

. الإمامُ الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): نَزَلَ جَبرئيلُ على النبيّ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) فقالَ: يا محمّدُ ، إنّ رَبَّكَ يُقرِئُكَ14
السلامَ ، ويقولُ: إنّ الأبكارَ مِنَ النساءِ بمَنزِلَةِ الثَّمَرِ على الشَّجَرِ، فإذا أينَعَ الثَّمرُ فلا دَواءَ لَهُ إلّا اجتِناؤهُ وإلّا أفسَدَتْهُ

الشَّمسُ ، وغَيَّرَتْهُ الرِّيحُ ، وإنّ الأبكارَ إذا أدرَكنَ ما تُدرِكُ النساءُ فلا دَواءَ لَهُنَّإلّا البُعُولُ، وإلّا لَم يُؤمَنْ علَيهِنَّ الفِتنَةُ، فَصَعِدَ رسولُ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) المِنبَرَ فَجَمَعَ الناسَ ثُمّ أعلَمَهُم ما أمَرَ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ بِهِ.

14– Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'The archangel Gabriel descended to the Prophet (S) and told him, 'O Muhammad, verily your Lord extends salutations on you and says, 'Verily the virgins from among your women are as fruits on a tree, which when they ripen must be plucked otherwise the sun rots them and the wind alters them. So when young women reach marriageable age, they have no other recourse apart from husbands, otherwise they will not be safe from corruption.' The Prophet (S) then climbed the pulpit, gathered the people and informed them of what Allah had commanded him.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 16, p. 223, no. 22]

The Importance of Faith When Selecting a Spouse

الإهتمامُ بالدِينِ في الزَّواجِ

15ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن تَزَوَّجَ امرَأةً لا يَتَزَوَّجُها إلّا لِجَمالِها لَم يَرَ فيها ما يُحِبُّ ، ومَن تَزَوَّجَها لِمالِها لا يَتَزَوَّجُها إلّا وَكَلَهُ اللّهُ إلَيهِ ، فعلَيكُم بذاتِ الدِّينِ.

15– The Prophet (S) said, 'He who marries a woman solely for her beauty will not find anything he likes in her, he who marries her for her wealth will be deprived of it as soon as he marries her, so look to marry women of faith.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 235, no. 19]

16ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لا يُختارُ حُسنُ وَجهِ المَرأةِ على حسُنِ دينِها.

16– The Prophet (S) said, 'The beauty of a woman's faith must be given priority over the beauty of her face.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 44590]

17ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا جاءَكُم مَن تَرضَونَ دِينَهُ وأمانَتَهُ يَخطُبُ (إلَيكُم) فَزَوّجُوهُ ، إن لا تَفعَلُوهُ تَكُن فِتنَةٌ في الأرضِ وفَسادٌ كبيرٌ.

17– The Prophet (S) said, 'When someone comes to you with a proposal and you are well-pleased with his faith and his integrity then accept him in marriage, for if you do not, discord and corruption will prevail in the land.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 372, no. 3]

18ـ الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) ـ لرجل جاءَ إلَيهِ يَستَشِيرُهُ في تَزويجِ ابنَتِهِ ـ: زَوّجْها مِن رَجُلٍ تَقِيٍّ ، فإنّهُ إن أحَبَّها أكرَمَها وإن أبغَضَها لَم يَظلِمْها .

18– Imam al–Hasan (a.s.) said to man who came to ask his advice about getting his daughter married, 'Marry her to a pious man, for if he loves her he will honour her, and if he comes to dislike her, at least he will not be unjust towards her.'[Makarim al–Akhlaq, v. 1, p. 446, no. 1534]

The Censure of Demanding an Excessive Dowry26

ذَمُّ غَلاءِ المَهرِ

19ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أفضَلُ نِساءِ أُمَّتِي أصبَحُهُنَّ وَجهاً وأقَلُّهُنَّ مَهراً

19– The Prophet (S) said, 'The best women of my community are those that have the prettiest faces and the smallest dowries.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 103, p. 237, no. 25]

20ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): خَيرُ الصَّداقِ أيسَرُهُ

20– The Prophet (S) said, 'The best dowry is the simplest one.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44707]

21ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): أمّا شُؤمُ المَرأةِ فكَثرَةُ مَهرِها وعُقوقُ زَوجِها

21– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The bane of a woman is her excessive dowry and her disrespect of her husband.'[Ma'ani al–Akhbar, p. 152, no. 1]

The Importance of Careful Spouse Selection

الاهتِمامُ فِي الإختِيارِ

22ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): تَزَوَّجُوا في الحِجْزِ الصالِحِ، فإنّ العِرْقَ دَسّاسٌ

22– The Prophet (S) said, 'Marry into a good tribe for verily what is bred–in–the–bone will come out in the flesh.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44559]

23ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): تَخَيَّرُوا لِنُطَفِكُم ، فإنَّ النساءَ يَلِدْنَ أشباهَ إخوانِهِنَّ وأخَواتِهِنَّ . .

23– The Prophet (S) said, 'Choose carefully for your seed, for verily women give birth to children who

resemble their own brothers and sisters.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 44557]

24ـ رسولَ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إيّاكُم وخَضْراءَ الدِّمَنِ ، قيلَ: يا رسولَ اللّهِ، وما خَضراءُ الدِّمَنِ ؟ قالَ: المَرأةُ الحَسناءُ في مَنبِتِ السُّوءِ.

24– The Prophet (S) said, addressing the people, 'Beware of the verdure growing in manure.’ When asked what verdure growing in manure was, he replied, 'It is the beautiful woman that comes from an evil environment.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 232, no. 10]

25ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إيّاكُم وتَزَوُّجَ الحَمْقاءِ، فإنَّ صُحبَتَها ضَياعٌ ووُلْدَها ضِياعٌ.

25– The Prophet (S) said, 'Beware of marrying a stupid girl for her company is a waste and her offspring are [like] hyenas.’[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 237, no. 35]

The Rights of the Husband

حُقوقُ الزَّوجِ

26ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أعظَمُ الناسِ حَقّاً على المرأةِ زَوجُها ، وأعظَمُ الناسِ حقّاً عَلَى الرَّجُلِ أُمُّهُ.

26– The Prophet (S) said, 'The person with the greatest right over a woman is her husband, and the person with the greatest right over a man is his mother.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 44771]

27ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ويلٌ لِامرَأةٍ أغضَبَتْ زَوجَها ، وطُوبى لِامرَأةٍ رَضِيَ عنها زَوجُها.

27– The Prophet (S) said, 'Woe unto the woman who angers her husband, and blessed is the woman whose husband is pleased with her.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103,p. 246, no. 24]

28ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لَو أمَرتُ أحَدا أن يَسجُدَ لِأَحَدٍ لَأَمَرتُ المرأةَ أن تَسجُدَ لِزَوجِها.

28– The Prophet (S) said, 'If I was in a position to command anyone to prostrate in front of anyone else, I would command the woman to prostrate in front of her husband.’[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 508, no. 6]

The Rights of the Wife

حُقوقُ الزَّوجَةِ

29ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما زالَ جَبرَئيلُ يُوصِينِي بالمرأةِ حتّى ظَنَنتُ أ نَّهُ لا يَنبَغِي طَلاقُها إلّا مِن فاحِشَةٍ مُبَيِّنَةٍ.

29– The Prophet (S) said, 'The archangel Gabriel continues to bring down so much advice with regard to the [treatment of the] woman that I think she must never be divorced unless she has committed adultery.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 253, no. 58]

30ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): حَقُّ المرأةِ على زَوجِها أن يَسُدَّ جَوعَتَها، وأن يَستُرَ عَورَتَها ، ولا يُقَبِّحَ لَها وَجها.

30– The Prophet (S) said, 'The right of a woman on her husband is that he feeds her, clothes her, and does not cause her to lose face [by insulting her or chiding her].'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 254, no. 60]

31ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): قَولُ الرَّجُلِ للمرأةِ: «إنّي أُحِبُّكِ» لا يَذهَبُ مِن قَلبِها أبداً

31– The Prophet (S) said, 'A man's telling his wife 'I love you' never leaves her heart.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 569, no. 59]

Serving One's Husband

خِدمَةُ الزَّوجِ

32ـ رسولُ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أيُّما امرَأةٍ خَدَمَتْ زَوجَها سَبعَةَ أيّامٍ ، غَلَّقَ اللّهُ عَنها سَبعةَ أبوابِ النارِ وفَتَحَ لَها ثمانِيَةَ أبوابِ الجَنَّةِ تَدخُلُ مِن أينَما شاءَتْ.

وقالَ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): ما مِن امرَأةٍ تَسقِي زَوجَها شَربَةَ ماءٍ إلّا كانَ خَيراً لَها مِن سَنَةٍ صِيامِ نَهارِها وقِيامِ لَيلِها.

32– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whichever woman serves her husband for seven days, Allah locks seven doors of Hell to her and opens eight doors of Paradise instead whereof she may enter as she pleases.'

He also said, 'A woman's quenching of her husband's thirst with a glass of water is better for her than a whole year spent fasting during the day and praying at night.'[Irshad al-Qulub, p. 175]

33ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): سَأَلَتْ أُمُّ سَلَمَةَ رسولَ اللّه (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) عن فَضلِ النساءِ في خِدمَةِ أزواجِهِنَّ ، فقال: أيُّما امرَأةٍ رَفَعَتْ مِن بَيتِ زَوجِها شيئا مِن مَوضِعٍ إلى مَوضِعٍ تُريدُ بِهِ صَلاحاً إلّا نَظَرَ اللّهُ إلَيها ، ومَن نَظَرَ اللّهُ إلَيهِ لَم يُعَذِّبْهُ.

33– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) narrated that Umm Salama [the Prophet's wife] asked the Prophet (S) about the status of women when being of service to their husbands, so he (S) replied, 'Any woman who so much as moves something from one place to another in her husband's house with the intention of improving it is regarded with mercy by Allah, and whoever Allah regards [with mercy] He does not punish.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 251, no. 49]

34ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): جِهادُ المَرأةِ حُسنُ التَّبَعُّلِ .

34– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) said, 'The sacred war (jihad) of a woman is to be of excellent service to her husband.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 507, no. 4]

Serving One's Wife

خِدمَةُ الزَّوجَةِ

35ـ رسولُاللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا سَقَى الرجلُ امرَأتَهُ أُجِرَ

35– The Prophet (S) said, 'If a man quenches his wife's thirst he is rewarded for it.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 44435]

36ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): جُلوسُ المَرءِ عندَ عِيالِهِ أحَبُّ إلى اللّهِ تعالى مِن اعتِكافٍ في مَسجِدِي هذا

36– The Prophet (S) said, 'A man's sitting beside his family is more beloved in the sight of Allah than his spending the night in worship in this mosque of mine.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 122]

37ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيُؤجَرُ في رَفعِ اللُّقمَةِ إلى فِي امرَأتِهِ

37– The Prophet (S) said, 'Verily the man who lifts a morsel of food to his wife's mouth is well

rewarded.’[al-Mahajjat al-Baydha, v. 3, p. 70]

Mistreating One's Spouse

إيذاءُ الزَّوجِ

38- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن كانَ لَهُ امرَأةٌ تُؤذِيهِ لَم يَقبَلِ اللّهُ صلاتَها ولا حَسَنَةً مِن عَمَلِها حتّى تُعِينَهُ وتُرضِيَهُ وإن صامَتِ الدَّهرَ ... وعلى الرَّجُلِ مِثلُ ذلكَ الوِزْرِ والعَذابِ إذا كانَ لَها مُؤذِياً ظالِماً.

38– The Prophet (S) said, 'If a man has a wife who mistreats him, Allah does not accept her daily prayer, nor any other good deed she performs, even if she was to fast all her life, until and unless she relieves him and pleases him...and the husband will bear the same burden and punishment if he mistreats or oppresses his wife.’[Wasa’il al-Shi’ah, v. 14, p. 116, no. 1]

39- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنّي لَأَتَعَجَّبُ مِمَّن يَضرِبُ امرَأَتَهُ وهُو بِالضَّربِ أولى مِنها!

39– The Prophet (S) said, 'I am truly astonished at the man who beats his wife when he is more deserving of the beating than her!’[Jami’a al-Akhbar, p. 447, no. 1259]

40- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَلعونةٌ مَلعونةٌ امرأةٌ تُؤذِي زَوجَها وتُغِمُّهُ ، وسَعيدةٌ سَعيدةٌ امرأةٌ تُكرِمُ زَوجَها ولا تُؤذِيهِ وتُطِيعُهُ في جَميعِ أحوالِهِ .

40– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Cursed! Cursed indeed is the woman who troubles and distresses her husband; and blessed! Blessed indeed is the woman who honours her husband, does not trouble him and obeys him in all matters.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 253, no. 55]

Tolerating Bad Character

الصَّبرُ عَلى سُوءِ الخُلُقِ

41- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن صَبَرَ عَلى سُوءِ خُلُقِ امرَأتِهِ واحتَسَبَهُ ، أعطاهُ اللّهُ تعالى بكُلِّ يَومٍ ولَيلةٍ مِثلُ رَمْلِ عالِجٍ.

41- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن صَبَرَ عَلى سُوءِ خُلُقِ امرَأتِهِ واحتَسَبَهُ ، أعطاهُ اللّهُ تعالى بكُلِّ يَومٍ ولَيلةٍ يَصبِرُ عَلَيها مِنَ الثَّوابِ ما أعطى أيُّوبَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) عَلى بَلائِهِ ، وكانَ عَلَيها مِنَ الوِزْرِ في كُلِّ يَومٍ ولَيلةٍ مِثلُ رَمْلِ عالِجٍ.

41– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever patiently tolerates and puts up with his wife's bad character [for the sake of Allah], for every day and night of his endurance Allah will grant him the same reward as that granted to Prophet Job (a.s.) for enduring his afflictions, and for every day and night of her evildoing she will bear a burden as heavy as the sandhills of Arabia.'[Thawab al-A'amal, p. 339, no. 1]

42 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن صَبَرَتْ عَلى سُوءِ خُلُقِ زَوجِها أعطاها مِثلَ (ثَوابِ) آسِيَةَ بنتِ مُزاحِمٍ

42– The Prophet (S) said, 'She who patiently tolerates her husband's bad character will be rewarded equivalent to the reward granted to Asiya bint Muzalim [Pharaoh's wife].'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 247, no. 30]

The Virtuous Wife

الزَّوجَةُ الصّالِحَةُ

43 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما استَفادَ المؤمنُ بعدَ تَقوَى اللّهِ عزّوجلّ خَيرا لَهُ مِن زَوجَةٍ صالِحَةٍ

43– The Prophet (S) said, 'There is nothing more beneficial to a believer after his piety and devotion to Allah than a virtuous wife.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 444410]

44 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): خَيرُ مَتاعِالدنيا المرأةُ الصالِحَةُ

44– The Prophet (S) said, 'The best source of enjoyment in this world is a virtuous wife.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 44451]

45 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مِن سَعادَةِ المَرءِ الزوجَةُ الصالِحَةُ

45– The Prophet (S) said, 'A virtuous wife is part of a man's prosperity.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 327, no. 4]

The Evil Wife

الزَّوجَةُ السَّيِّئَةُ

46 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): شَرُّ الأشياءِ المَرأةُ السَّوءِ

46– The Prophet (S) said, 'The most evil of all things is the evil wife.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 240, no. 52]

47- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أغلَبُ الأعداءِ للمؤمِنِ زَوجَةُ السُّوءِ. .

47– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The believer's worst enemy is an evil wife.'[al-Faqih, v. 3, p. 390, no. 4370]

48- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): كانَ مِن دعاءِ رسولِ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أعُوذُ بِكَ مِن امرَأةٍ تُشَيِّبُني قَبلَ مَشيبي.

48– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'One of the Prophet's supplications was as follows: I seek refuge in You from a wife who causes me to age before my time.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 326, no. 3]

Obeying One's Wife in Acts of Disobedience to Allah

طاعةُ الزَّوجَةِ في مَعصيةِ اللّه

49- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): اِتَّقُوا شرارَ النساءِ وكُونُوا مِن خِيارِهِنَّ عَلى حَذَرٍ ، إن أمَرنَكُم بالمَعروفِ فَخالِفُوهُنَّ كَي لا يَطمَعْنَ مِنكُم في المُنكَرِ .

49– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Be on your guard against evil women and be wary of even the best of them – if they enjoin you to do good, go against them and do the opposite so that they abandon all hope of your obeying them in doing evil.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 224, no. 4]

50- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): كُلُّ امرِئٍ تُدَبِّرُهُ امرَأةٌ فهُو مَلعونٌ .

50– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Every man who is controlled by his wife is indeed cursed.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 518, no. 10]

Things to Be Considered When Spending on One's Family

ما يَنبَغي رِعايَتُهُ في نَفَقَةِ العِيالِ

51ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن دَخَلَ السُّوقَ فاشتَرى تُحْفَةً فَحَمَلَها إلى عِيالِهِ كانَ كَحامِلِ صَدَقَةٍ إلى قَومٍ مَحاوِيجَ ، ولْيَبدَأْ بِالْإناثِ قَبلَ الذُّكُورِ .

51– The Prophet (S) said, 'He who goes to the market and buys a gift to take back to his family is as one who is taking charity to a group of needy people. He should begin [giving gifts] to the female members of his family before the males.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 104, p. 69, no. 2]

52ـ الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): إنَّ أرضاكُم عِندَ اللّهِ أسبَغُكُم عَلى عِيالِهِ

52– Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, 'Verily the one whom Allah is most pleased with from among you is the one who is the most generous towards his dependents.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 136, no. 13]

The Etiquette of Accepting Wedding Invitations

أدَبُ استِجابَةِ الدَّعوةِ إلَى العُرسِ

53ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا دُعِيتُم إلى العُرُساتِ فَأبطِئُوا فإنّها تُذَكِّرُ الدنيا ، وإذا دُعِيتُم إلى الجَنائزِ فَأسرِعُوا فإنّها تُذَكِّرُ الآخِرَةَ.

53– The Prophet (S) said, 'When you are invited to weddings, take your time [in attending] for they incite remembrance of this world's pleasures, and when you are invited to funerals, hasten to attend for they incite remembrance of the Hereafter.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 279, no. 2] 54– The Prophet (S) said, 'When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do accept.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 44617]

54ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا دُعِيَ أحَدُكُم إلى وَلِيمَةِ عُرسٍ فَلْيُجِبْ

54– The Prophet (S) said, 'When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do accept.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 44617]

Recommendation to Announce One's Marriage

الحَثُّ عَلى إعلانِ النِّكاحِ

55ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أعلِنُوا هذا النِّكاحَ واجعَلُوهُ في المَساجِدِ

55– The Prophet (S) said, 'Announce this marriage and let it take place in the mosque.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44536]

. . رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أظهِرُوا النِّكاحَ وأخفُوا الخِطبَةَ56

56– The Prophet (S) said, 'Publicize the marriage, but conceal the engagement.'[Kanz al–'Ummal, no. 44532]

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