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## **Fornication**

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## **Prohibition of Fornication**

النَّهِيُّ عَنِ الزِّنا

- رسولُ اللهِ (صلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): اِشتَدَّ غَضَبُ اللهِ عزّوجلٌ عَلَى امرأةٍ ذات بَعل مَلَات عَينَها مِن غَيرِ زَوجِها أو1 غَيرِ ذي مَحرَمٍ مِنها ، فإنها إن فَعَلَت ذلكَ أحبَطَ اللهُ كُلَّ عَمَلٍ عَمِلَتهُ ، فإن أُوطَأَت فِراشهُ غَيرَهُ كانَ حَقًا عَلَى اللهِ غَيرِ ذي مَحرَمٍ مِنها ، فإنها إن فَعَلَت ذلكَ أحبَطَ اللهُ كُلَّ عَمَلٍ عَمِلَتهُ ، فإن أُوطَأَت فِراشهُ غيرَهُ كانَ حَقًا عَلَى اللهِ .

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah's wrath is indeed severe on the married woman who fulfils her desires through any other man apart from her husband or looks lustfully at anyone other than her unmarriageable kin [i.e. husband], upon which Allah thwarts every single good deed she has ever committed. And if she welcomes anyone other than her husband in his bed, Allah will rightfully burn her in the Fire after He has chastised her in her grave.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 76, p. 366, no. 30]

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'A man who is possessive [over his own wife] will never commit adultery.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 305]

3- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The one to face the severest punishment on the Day of Resurrection will

be the man who deposited his sperm in a womb that was forbidden to him.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 79, p. 26, no. 28]

4– Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'Fornication has been prohibited due to the corruption it engenders, from murder to illegitimacy to ill-breeding of children to broken lineages and all sorts of other social ills.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 24, no. 19]

## **Consequences of Fornication**

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5– The Prophet (S) said, 'O Ali, there are six consequences that result from fornication, three of which are in this world and three in the Hereafter. In this world, it takes away one's beauty, hastens one's death and cuts off one's sustenance. In the Hereafter, it results in an evil reckoning, solicits the indignation of the Merciful Himself and makes one deserving of eternity in the Fire.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 22, no. 15]

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Fornication brings about poverty.' [Bihar al-Anwar, p. 23, no. 18]

7- Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'We found written in the book of the Prophet (S), 'If fornication prevails after my death, incidences of sudden death will increase.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 374, no. 2]

8– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'When fornication becomes widespread earthquakes occur as an upshot.'[al-Tahdhib, v. 3, p. 148, no. 318]

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9- Prophet Jesus (a.s.) said, 'Every woman that perfumes herself and leaves her house intending for her perfume to be sensed by others is an adulteress, and every eye [that looks lustfully] is fornicating.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 1, p. 28]

10– Prophet Jesus (a.s.) said, 'Do not look intently at one who does not belong to you, for verily your genitals will not commit fornication as long as you guard your gaze [from fornicating]. So if you are able to keep yourself from looking at the apparel of a woman who is not permitted to you, then do so.'[Tanbih al–Khawatir, p. 62]

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'Every breath of man has its share in fornication which he is inevitably aware of at the time. The fornication of the eye is to look [at that which is forbidden to it], and the fornication of the foot is to walk [to where it is forbidden for it], and for the ear to listen [to that which is forbidden].[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 13026]

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