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QUESTIONS POSED TO AMEER-E-AHL-E-SUNNAT REGARDING THE HUSBAND AND WIFE

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
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Narration of the Final Prophet ﷺ

Whoever faces a difficulty should send Salat upon me in abundance because sending Salat upon me removes difficulties and calamities. (*Al-Qaul-Al-Badi'*, p. 414; *Bustan-Al-Wa'izeen*, p. 274)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Incident of a pious wife

Question: Relate to us an incident of a pious wife.

Answer: Sayyiduna Talhah bin Ubaidullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was a companion of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Once, 700,000 dirhams came to him from the city of Yemen, Hadramaut. He became worried all night after acquiring the money. His respected wife رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا asked: What has happened? He replied: I have been worried since the night, that how will that person present himself in the court of his Lord who is spending the

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night in a state that this wealth is found in his home? The fortunate wife رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا responded respectfully: What is there to be worried about? Why are you forgetting your poor friends? As soon as it is the morning, call them and distribute all the money between them. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ became overjoyed upon hearing this suggestion from his pious wife and said: may Allah Almighty have mercy upon you, indeed, you are the pious daughter of a pious father. Thus, as soon as it was the morning, he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ began to distribute all the wealth amongst the Ansaar and Muhajireen companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ.¹

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ! This was the generosity of the noble companions اللهُ أَكْبَرُ. When we receive money, we become restless in happiness whereas when these pious individuals received wealth, they would perceive it as a calamity and become anxious; where has this money appeared from? What should I do with it now? What can be said of Sayyiduna Talhah bin Ubaidullah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and his pious wife مَا شَاءَ اللهُ. That era was full of pious individuals.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 20)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ The name of the noble wife of Sayyiduna Talhah bin Ubaidullah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ is Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Kulsoom رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, who is the daughter of Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. *(Siyar A'lam Al-Nubala, vol. 3, p. 19, Al-Raqm: 7, selected)*

Will the husband and wife be together in Paradise?

Question: Will the husband and wife be in Paradise together?

Answer: Yes! If the husband and wife both die whilst keeping their faith intact, then they will be together in paradise. *(Al-Tazkirah Bi Ahwaal al-Muta Wa Umoor al-Akhirah, p. 462)* If, Allah forbid, **مَعَآذَ اللّٰهِ** one of them does not die with Iman, then the Hellfire is their abode and the one who enters paradise will marry another Paradise dweller.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 8)

Show good conduct to your wife

Question: If the husband is gentle with his wife then people say that he has become “uxorious”. What is the solution for this?

Answer: If someone, out of the fear of Allah, presents himself to his wife with good conduct or behaves with her in a soft and gentle manner and people start to call him “uxorious” as a taunt, then without a doubt this is a cause of hurting his feelings. Nonetheless, the husband should maintain good manners with his wife and despite what others say, his heart should not be overcome with grief. He should never change his behaviour rather he should present himself with even more softness and tenderness.

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In today's age, people's mannerisms have completely changed especially when it comes to one's wife; their behaviour is becoming completely unmentionable. Regardless of this, these people consider asking forgiveness from their wife as demeaning when in fact, asking for forgiveness is necessary if you have oppressed her. They should continuously seek forgiveness from their wives. Oppressing your wife is not a requisite for asking for forgiveness, rather there is no harm in seeking forgiveness out of caution; this increases the love between the pair. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** I have made it a habit to seek forgiveness out of caution when an auspicious night is upon us or any other significant day. The honour of someone who does so is never decreased and nor is his rank.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 11)

Question: Can the wife drink the leftover tea of her husband?

Answer: Both can drink each other's leftover tea.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 26)

Question: Nowadays, Internet and social media is used a lot in households. Due to this, issues arise between the husband and wife including matters of divorce. What is the solution to this?

(Summary of Nigran-e-Shurah's question)

Answer: Misusing the internet is the destruction of yourself and your family. Therefore, the husband and wife should refrain from using the internet excessively if they want to run the house in unison. If the wife is using the internet and the

husband requests her to make a cup of tea, she should immediately make it. If she does not get up at that moment then how can they run the house together? The wife should obey the husband. If the wife does not obey the husband, then this will lead to arguments and quarrels. If the wife responds in a disrespectful manner, then her life in this world and the Hereafter will be destroyed. Both parties will attempt to point out and highlight each other's mistakes. The doors of lying, backbiting, slander and other sins will open. For example, the wife will say the husband beats and oppresses me and does not provide food and maintenance. In response to this, the husband will hurl a cascade of accusations and the result of this conflict will be, *مَعَادَ اللَّهِ*, a divorce or separation. Allah Almighty have Mercy upon Muslims.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 35)

Question: Some people perform magic to cause separation between a couple. If the wife is affected by such magic, that causes her breathing to be affected when she goes to her husband's home, what is the solution for this problem?

Answer: People do perform magic to cause separation between the husband and wife but how can it be proven that so-and-so has done it or so-and-so relative has performed magic upon this person? Some people who are involved in magic, give an indication as to who is causing the conflict or they give the first letter of his name. If, a relative's name does coincidentally begin with that letter, then he is thought of in an evil way that

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he is the one who performed magic, whereas that unfortunate individual is oblivious to everything that is happening. This is how such individuals create rifts and friction between people. When the wife arrives at the husband's home, she starts to have difficulty breathing; as long as there is no Shar'i evidence to support this, it is problematic to suggest that so-and-so relative is performing magic to cause separation. Whatever the man who practises magic says is not Shar'i evidence. Whenever the wife goes to her husband's home, her breathing stops; this could be happening for a number of reasons. This could be something psychological if it is firmly in the mind that if I go to my husband's home, my breathing will stop because it happened before; something occurring once is not proof that it will happen again. It is possible, on that day, she climbed a staircase and went to her husband's home in a fatigued state, which caused her to have difficulty breathing and now she has made this a proof that her breathing stops whenever she goes to his home. Remember! Psychological effects can have a major impact on one's life; it may seem that something is occurring for a reason but reality is contrary to it.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 52)

Question: If a woman lives separately from her husband for five or six months, does this affect their marriage in any way? If she lives separately without the approval of her husband, then what is the ruling?

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Answer: If a woman is living separately from her husband, it does not affect their marriage. If she lives separately without the approval of her husband, it will not affect the marriage either but she will be sinful. If she is living alone because her husband oppresses her, then contact Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat and explain the situation so it is known as to why she is living separately. But the marriage is not affected by this.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 65)

Question: Can a wife take Bay'at (pledge allegiance) before the husband?

Answer: Yes, she can, there is no harm in this.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 65)

Question: If there is a strain on the relationship between the husband and wife and they fight, what is the solution to this?

(Question received via SMS)

Answer: It takes two hands to clap; if it is said to the husband to ask for forgiveness, he will respond with 'why should I ask for forgiveness? She is rude'. If it is said to the wife, ask for forgiveness, she says 'why should I ask for forgiveness? He said this to me'. Hence, if both of them swallow their pride and act with humility, then their problems will be solved. The correct matter is mentioned in the Quran:

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الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ

Men are guardians over women

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 5, Surah Al-Nisa, verse 34)

So, a man has authority over a woman, this is why a woman will obey her husband and not vice versa. However, this does not imply that a man can oppress, beat and abuse his wife; this is not acceptable. If a man oppresses his wife, he must seek forgiveness from her. If he begins to feel embarrassed and says: “Me, ask a woman for forgiveness? Ask my wife for forgiveness? What will people say?” Remember, if in the Hereafter, Allah commands for you to be taken to Hell, what will you do? Likewise, if a woman is rude and uses abusive language, breaks utensils and causes drama, then she will have to ask for forgiveness. Whoever oppresses their significant other must seek forgiveness and repent. Usually there is a lack of harmony that remains for a long time. Then, they become familiar with one another, have children etc and usually arguments and quarrels decrease. Regardless, we should not fight. There is a Gujarati proverb: “(جو تَبِيُو اُو الله نِي كَبِيُو)” meaning, the one who swallows his pride and acts out of humility is beloved to Allah. Even if you are not at fault, smile and ask for forgiveness. Sometimes, the act of seeking forgiveness is not performed correctly; “Hey! Do you forgive me or not? How many times should I ask for forgiveness? Should I massage

your feet? I will not massage them, forgive me if you want otherwise go to your mother's." This is not how forgiveness is sought. If you make a mistake, then with humility, modesty and a good heart and mind, ask for forgiveness. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, your heart will become clean. If you spend your life smiling and laughing your health will remain good and your children will have a good upbringing too. Otherwise, if the day arrives where there is a big quarrel and both parties are hurling abuse at each other, the children will witness this and learn how to beat each other too. This is why we should be compassionate towards children. Bury the hatchet, keep your heart pure and always choose to forgive. To forgive is the Sunnah of the beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** (Muslim, p. 1071, Hadith 6592). He **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** forgave his staunch enemies on the occasion of the conquest of Makkah. (Mirat al-Manajih, vol. 3, p. 93) It is mentioned in the Quran that Allah said to the Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**: **عِ" ~** (Part: 9, Surah Al-A'raf, Verse 199)

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O beloved! Adopt forgiveness.

Always remember, whenever the opportunity to ask for forgiveness presents itself, the devil will come to you: "If you ask for forgiveness then the one you are seeking forgiveness from will mock you and say: Look! You committed a wrongdoing and that's why you asked for forgiveness, I am the one who is oppressed and innocent." Satanic whispers like

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these will come, but you must fight the accursed devil because seeking forgiveness does not decrease your honour, rather it increases it. It is my suggestion that once one party asks for forgiveness, the other should do so too. Rather, the second party should ask for forgiveness in a better way; if the first party put his hands together and asked for forgiveness, the second party should touch the other's feet and seek forgiveness. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, the hearts will become clean. May Allah the Generous make our houses cradles of peace.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 72)

Question: What should the husband and wife do to stop fighting and create a loving and positive environment in the home?

Answer: Always smile at each other, never make a grumpy face. Whenever the husband arrives home, the wife should run to the door, open it, smile and say "Welcome!". Then ask, should I bring some water? Should I make some tea? If he had arrived home in an angry state, offering such things will calm him down. The husband should also do some work around the house; if he wants water or milk, he should fill a glass himself. If the husband does this, his status will not diminish in any way, rather, in the sight of his wife, the respect and honour for him will increase and she will hasten to do this task for you. I have experienced this myself. In our house **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**! There is no fighting, however, due to my physical condition becoming

worse, it is difficult for me to get up from a chair and place or carry something. Regardless of this, whenever the food arrives, I carry the dishes most of the time. She says “leave it, I will take it” etc. The poor woman does not complain but happiness enters the heart when I do this and the love between us becomes stronger. If I order her by saying: “Take this, do this”, then she will do it but this method is not appealing to me. If I need to give someone paper, then instead of commanding them, “come here and take the paper”, most of the time I get up and give it myself because he may be busy in work. If I call him, he will abandon his work so it is better if I give it to him myself. If doing so would affect my status, then countless people would not love me. “Dana khaak main mil kar gul-e-gulzaar hota hay.” (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl Sunnat, Episode: 76*)

Question: How is it for a husband to study throughout the night with the light on?

Answer: The husband has a passion for studying and does so whilst keeping the light switched on. The poor wife is in desperate need of sleep but the light is preventing her from doing so. She is lying there, grinding her teeth because she fears they may start arguing if she tells him to switch the light off. Sometimes a fight does occur because of this so this is not a suitable solution. Remember! It is impermissible to oppress anyone that is weak or a subordinate, even if you have authority over them. Instead of causing others difficulty and

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putting your Hereafter at stake, study somewhere else where you are not creating difficulty for anyone.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 77)

Question: A wife said to her husband that I am more educated than you and you are less educated than me; can she humiliate him by making such statements?

Answer: اَسْتَغْفِرُ الله! Saying something like this is insensitive and hurtful to the husband and can be a cause of ruining the family bond. She may have a written certificate but sometimes the husband has more experience, even if he is not educated. Anyway, saying this to someone can cause them pain. I keep booklets with me to distribute to the Islamic brothers when they meet me. Sometimes, when I am giving someone a booklet, another Islamic brother interrupts and says that he does not know Urdu. I have advised people not to do this because it can be a means of causing pain to others as living in Pakistan and not knowing Urdu is a strange matter. Yes, if he says it himself that he does not know Urdu, that is fine. I have seen people who know excellent English that a normal educated person would be amazed by, but they are unfamiliar with Urdu. *(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 97)*

How is it to swear at the Husband?

Question: How is it for the wife to swear at her husband as a joke?

Answer: It is mentioned in Hadith that swearing is a sin. *(Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 30, Hadith 48)* If a wife swears at her husband, it is even worse as she is required to respect and obey him. Therefore, she must repent from swearing at him, seek forgiveness from her husband and refrain from doing it again. *(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 52)*

Question: What method should one adopt to make their wife offer the prayers? Also, what is the solution to stopping my wife from swearing? *(Question received via SMS)*

Answer: You should encourage your wife to pray in a gentle, loving and compassionate manner. You should also mention the blessings of praying, as well as the warnings and dangers of not praying. **الحمد لله!** The book of Dawat-e-Islami's Maktaba-tul-Madinah, "Faizan-e-Namaz" is available. Teach her from this book and watch Madani Channel and her heart will become soft and she will begin to offer the prayers. **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** If the husband instead makes a fuss about this then she will become stubborn and not offer the prayers.

As far as swearing is concerned, swearing at a Muslim is a sin. *(Bukhari, vol. 4, p. 111, Hadith 6044)* Husband and wife are both Muslims and have a close relationship which includes matters of maintaining ties. If the husband swears at his wife, he must seek forgiveness from her and repent; swearing is not the act of good people and your wife is your companion for life. If the wife swears at the husband, this is a grave matter because he

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has a great right over her so this becomes a greater crime. The wife should repent and seek forgiveness from her husband. Swearing is the act of the impure; people dislike the ones who swear. Some people who swear assume that people greet them, whereas they only greet them with salaam to be safe from their evil, “Why should we talk to him?” They greet him and leave immediately. The ones who swear should repent and because this can cause pain to others, he must seek forgiveness from the ones he has sworn at. *(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 230)*

Question: Please explain the reasons as to why we think negatively of others instead of holding them in a positive regard.

Answer: There are many causes of this, like a deficiency in Islamic knowledge; negative effects of the environment and surroundings; bad company; lack of people to explain this matter and the most important point, not paying attention to the damages and harms of possessing this mindset. Sometimes, having evil presumptions can lead to bloodshed and even destroy the household. For example, if the husband and wife think negatively of each other, this can result in them suspecting and doubting each other, leading to arguments and fights. Rather, the consequences can go beyond this and destroy the household. A’la Hazrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمته الله عليه, mentions in Fatawa Razawiyyah: “Holding negative assumptions of someone is not a lesser Haram than

ostentation. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 5, p. 323*) We should think positively of every Muslim. We should believe that every action of a Muslim is done for the right reasons; meaning, to establish a positive mindset about the actions of every Muslim is necessary. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 5, p. 324, Makhuza*) Likewise, it is mentioned in Sahih Bukhari, Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ relates an incident that occurred in the era of Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. A man stole and Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked: Did you steal? The man replied: I swear by Allah I did not steal, even though he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام saw the man steal. Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, overwhelmed by the fear of Allah, replied: I believe you, my eyes have deceived me. (*Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 458, Hadith 3444*) We too should establish a positive mindset for our fellow Muslims and refrain from thinking badly of them.

(*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode, 122*)

Question: Some people say we should not congratulate a woman upon sighting the moon. Is this correct?

(*Question received via social media*)

Answer: If it is a sacred month, like how we sight the moon for the month of the birth of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and congratulate others, if the one you are congratulating is a Mahram (non-marriageable relative), then you can congratulate him/her. E.g. brother, sister, son, mother, and a husband can congratulate his wife. (*Episode: 85*)

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Question: Can a woman watch Madani channel when she is observing her Iddat? *(Question received via SMS)*

Answer: A woman observing Iddat can watch Madani Channel. (The Mufti present in the Madani Muzakarah said:) If a woman observing Iddat watches Madani Channel in her home, then she can watch Madani Channel in the same way other Islamic sisters have been given permission to watch it. Watching Madani Channel has no link to Iddat because it does not affect Iddat in any way. In essence, Iddat is the name of a period of time that starts in the case of divorce or death. There are two important rulings for a woman during Iddat: The first being that she cannot leave the house without a valid Shar'i excuse. The second being that it is prohibited for a woman to adorn herself (i.e. use makeup etc) *(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 2, p. 242-244, Part: 8, Makhuzan) (Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 36)*

What should the wife do if the husband does not cover the household expenses?

Question: What should the wife do if the husband does not cover the expenses of running the house? *(Question received via SMS)*

Answer: It is necessary for the husband to provide food, maintenance and shelter for the wife. If he does not do so, he will be sinful. *(Jauharah Nayyirah, vol. 2, p. 108)* In the scenario that she does not receive any of these, she can take him to court and the Qadi (Judge) will make him pay for these things. (Bhar-e-

Shari'at, vol. 2, p. 269, Part. 8) However, this is not possible today. This is why, in this scenario, the family should come together and make the necessary arrangements. If you take this to court, it could affect the household and put everyone in difficulty. It could also be a means of disgrace and humiliation. The husband should ensure that he pays for the permissible expenses of the wife; the expenses that Shari'at has stipulated for him to fulfil. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 88*)

Question: If the husband is in financial difficulty, what should the wife do? (*Question asked by Nigran-e-Shura*)

Answer: She should encourage and reassure him that there is nothing to worry about. In a situation like this, she should not make requests because this could put them into further difficulty and sometimes, the husband turns to Haraam. If she does not hinder him and place restrictions, the husband will find serenity and his mind will be at ease. If Allah wills, you will be showered with blessings too. You will continue to receive the sustenance that has been written for you. There is an Urdu proverb: har bahana rozi aur har bahana moat (it refers to one's sustenance and death being decreed, both of which will come one way or the other)

(*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 66*)

The husband's share in the wealth left by the wife

Question: If the wife passes away, what will the husband receive from the wealth she leaves behind?

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Answer: When the wife passes away, as per the Sunnah, arrangements for the funeral rites will be made from her wealth. Then, if she has a debt, that will be paid off. After that, if she has made a permissible will, then it will be fulfilled from a third of her wealth. Then, from whatever wealth is leftover, there are two cases in which the husband receives a share. If the wife does not have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter, then the husband will receive half of whatever wealth remains. If she does have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter, then he will receive a quarter of the wealth. Allah the Merciful states in Part: 4, Surah al-Nisa, verse 12:

وَلَكُمْ نِصْفُ مَا تَرَكَ أَزْوَاجُكُمْ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُنَّ وَلَدٌ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُنَّ
وَلَدٌ فَلَكُمْ الرُّبْعُ مِمَّا تَرَكَنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ وَصِيَّةٍ يُوَصِّينَ بِهَا أَوْ دَيْنٍ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And for you is one half from that what your wives leave behind, if they do not have children. Then, if they have children, for you therefore is one fourth of what they leave after payment of any will that (they) had made or (their) debt yet to be paid.

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 17)

Question: Is it necessary for the husband to fulfil all his wife's wishes?

Answer: It is mentioned in the Quran:

الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ

Men are guardians over women

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 5, Surah Al-Nisa, verse 34)

Therefore, a woman must listen and obey. If a woman desires that her husband should listen to and obey her, this is not correct. It is not necessary for the husband to fulfil the permissible requests of the wife e.g. different types of food, designer clothes etc. It is only necessary to provide maintenance, shelter etc. If the husband does fulfil these requests, it is a favour upon the wife. This is a form of gaining reward so the husband should fulfil these permissible requests as much as possible. *(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode: 24)*

Note: The following examples of backbiting have been taken from the book of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, “Backbiting” and presented here. These statements not only poison the life of the husband and wife in this world but can also cause them loss in the Hereafter.

17 examples of backbiting the parents-in-law

- ❖ Mother-in-law is always rude
- ❖ She finds the smallest of faults in everything
- ❖ She never enjoys what I cook
- ❖ Whenever I am ill, mother-in-law tells me to stop making excuses

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- ❖ She loves the company of the other daughter-in-law, why does she have a strange relationship with me?
- ❖ She is of a strict and arrogant temperament
- ❖ She is always telling me what to do
- ❖ She speaks ill of me to my husband
- ❖ Mother-in-law tells me to do a lot of work and she remains in bed all day
- ❖ Both mother and daughter talk ill of me
- ❖ Mother-in-law has turned my husband against me
- ❖ Even if I show them I have gold, they will think nothing of me
- ❖ After waiting several hours for them, they arrive and behave rudely
- ❖ I have to serve her rude divorced sister
- ❖ My so-and-so divorced sister-in-law is very rude
- ❖ She has taken a divorce but her stubbornness still remains
- ❖ I heard that she never gave him relief for even a day. In the end, the poor man could only give her a divorce.

22 examples of backbiting the in-laws

- ❖ Her mother-in-law harasses my sister
- ❖ Brother-in-law does not cover the household expenses
- ❖ He gives everything he earns to his mother

- ❖ After listening to his mother, he comes home and threatens to kick me out of the house
- ❖ Son-in-law oppresses my daughter
- ❖ His mother provokes him to taunt me
- ❖ He threatens to give a divorce
- ❖ He stays out late at night
- ❖ He sleeps for most of the day
- ❖ He is lazy, good for nothing.
- ❖ He is attracted to another woman
- ❖ His friends are not good people
- ❖ I heard that he uses drugs
- ❖ We have become involved with a very ill-omened person
- ❖ He is just like that
- ❖ He is a poisonous snake
- ❖ He is unfaithful
- ❖ Ill mannered
- ❖ Simpleton
- ❖ Absolutely ignorant
- ❖ The son's mother-in-law performs magic
- ❖ Daughter-in-law made a Ta'weez and now my son does not listen to me.

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37 examples of backbiting when a divorce or engagement occurs

If the engagement is called off or a divorce occurs, then majority of the time, the devil begins to celebrate at the chaos that ensues. A storm of backbiting, slander, accusing one another, exposing faults, hurting each other, evil assumptions and exchanging bad words takes place; every beauty becomes a “defect”! Both parties forge lies against each other to paint themselves as the oppressed whereas they lived together peacefully. But when two families wage a “war” against each other, **مَعَادُ اللَّهِ** they even call each other “deviants”! Here are 37 examples of backbiting that can occur during incidents of this kind:

- ❖ He was an alcoholic
- ❖ Gambler
- ❖ Scoundrel
- ❖ Dishonourable
- ❖ Loafer
- ❖ Vagabond
- ❖ He was fraudulent
- ❖ He did not earn money
- ❖ He did not give the household expenses
- ❖ He gave all the money to his mother
- ❖ He never considered this house to be his home
- ❖ Mother-in-law did not feed her, so she would eat from her own pocket

- ❖ I had to tolerate very oppressive people
- ❖ We were stuck there
- ❖ With great struggle, I am free from them now
- ❖ He would hit our daughter for no reason
- ❖ He would be very aggressive towards us
- ❖ His entire family were lowly people; they were not of our status
- ❖ He wanted to bring a second wife in the presence of our daughter
- ❖ He would threaten to kill us
- ❖ He would disgrace and humiliate our daughter
- ❖ This ignoble man showed us his true colours

Backbiting from the man's side

- ❖ Her character and conduct were improper
- ❖ She had many friends
- ❖ She would talk a lot in the house
- ❖ Her mother did not teach her how to cook
- ❖ She did not know how to wash the dishes
- ❖ She could not wash the clothes correctly
- ❖ She was quarrelsome
- ❖ She would steal
- ❖ She would make evil amulets

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- ❖ She would perform magic
- ❖ She was a witch
- ❖ She ruined our peaceful home
- ❖ Her mother came to our house and taunted us
- ❖ She has disgraced us
- ❖ We were compassionate to them because we thought they were poor, but her mind was in the sky etc. etc.

The one who tells others of his household affairs is a lowly person

We pray to Allah for guidance. Without a doubt, the one who engages in backbiting is a bad person. Now I will relate to you a story of a righteous person. A pious person **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ** states: A sahib-e-raaz (one who would keep matters to himself) got married but there was no compatibility between them. Somehow, his friend overheard or came to know of this through another way. He asked: What is the problem in your house? That pious man replied: I am not that lowly that I tell others of what happens in my home! In the end, they could not live together and he gave a divorce. When his friend became aware of this, he said: Now she is not your wife, tell me, what was the problem? The intelligent individual replied: Now she is like an unrelated woman to me; so how can I speak about an unrelated woman!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ