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Playing Tricks

Ahadith 29

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Avoiding the use of tricks

Hadith # 6953

Narrated `Umar bin Al-Khattab:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

'O people! The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions, and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended. So, whoever emigrated for Allah and His Apostle, then his emigration was for Allah and His Apostle, and whoever emigrated to take worldly benefit or for a woman to marry, then his emigration was for what he emigrated for."

(Tricks) in As-Salat

Hadith # 6954

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Allah does not accept prayer of anyone of you if he does Hadath (passes wind) till

he performs the ablution (anew)."

(Tricks) in Zakat

Hadith # 6955

Narrated Anas:

That Abu Bakr wrote for him, Zakat regulations which Allah's Messenger (pbuh) had made compulsory, and wrote

that one should neither collect various portions (of the property) nor divide the property into various portions in order to avoid paying Zakat.

Hadith # 6956

Narrated Talha bin 'Ubaidullah:

A Bedouin with unkempt hair came to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and said, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Tell me what Allah has enjoined on me as regards prayers."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "You have to offer perfectly the five (compulsory) prayers in a day and a night (24 hrs.), except if you want to perform some extra optional prayers."

The Bedouin said, "Tell me what Allah has enjoined on me as regards fasting."

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "You have to observe fast during the month of Ramadan except if you fast some extra optional fast."

The Bedouin said, "Tell me what Allah has enjoined on me as regard Zakat."

The Prophet (pbuh) then told him the Islamic laws and regulations whereupon the bedouin said, "By Him Who has honored you, I will not perform any optional deeds of worship and I will not leave anything of what Allah has enjoined on me."

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "He will be successful if he has told the truth (or he will enter Paradise if he said the truth)."

And some people said,

"The Zakat for one-hundred and twenty camels is two Hiqqas, and if the Zakat payer slaughters the camels intentionally or gives them as a present or plays some other trick in order to avoid the Zakat, then there is no harm (in it) for him."

Hadith # 6957, 6958

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"On the Day of Resurrection, the Kanz (Treasure or wealth of which, Zakat has not been paid) of anyone of you will appear in the shape of a huge bald headed poisonous male snake and its owner will run away from it, but it will follow him and say, 'I am your Kanz.'"

The Prophet (pbuh) added,

"By Allah, that snake will keep on following him until he stretches out his hand and let the snake swallow it."

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) added,

"If the owner of camels does not pay their Zakat, then, on the Day of Resurrection those camels will come to him and will strike his face with their hooves."

Some people said: Concerning a man who has camels, and is afraid that Zakat will be due so he sells those camels for similar camels or for sheep or cows or money one day before Zakat becomes due in order to avoid payment of their Zakat cunningly! "He has not to pay anything."

The same scholar said,

"If one pays Zakat of his camels one day or one year prior to the end of the year (by the end of which Zakat becomes due), his Zakat will be valid."

Hadith # 6959

Narrated Ibn Abbas:

Sa'd bin 'Ubada Al-Ansari sought the verdict of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) regarding a vow made by his mother who had died before fulfilling it.

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Fulfill it on her behalf."

Some people said,

"If the number of camels reaches twenty, then their owner has to pay four sheep as Zakat; and if their owner gives them as a gift or sells them in order to escape the payment of Zakat cunningly before the completion of a year, then he is not to pay anything, and if he slaughters them and then dies, then no Zakat is to be taken from his property."

Tricks in marriages

Hadith # 6960

Narrated 'Abdullah:

Nafi narrated to me that 'Abdullah said that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) forbade the Shighar.

I asked Nafi', "What is the Shighar?" He said,

"It is to marry the daughter of a man and marry one's daughter to that man (at the same time) without Mahr (in both cases); or to marry the sister of a man and marry one's own sister to that man without Mahr."

Some people said, "If one, by a trick, marries on the basis of Shighar, the marriage is valid but its condition is illegal."

The same scholar said regarding Al-Mut'a, "The marriage is invalid and its condition is illegal."

Some others said, "The Mut'a and the Shighar are permissible but the condition is illegal."

Hadith # 6961

Narrated Muhammad bin `Ali:

`Ali was told that Ibn `Abbas did not see any harm in the Mut'a marriage.

`Ali said, "Allah's Messenger (pbuh) forbade the Mut'a marriage on the Day of the battle of Khaibar and he forbade the eating of donkey's meat."

Some people said, "If one, by a tricky way, marries temporarily, his marriage is illegal."

Others said, "The marriage is valid but its condition is illegal."

What tricks are disliked in bargains

Hadith # 6962

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"One should not prevent others from watering their animals with the surplus of his water in order to prevent them from benefiting by the surplus of grass."

At-Tanajush

Hadith # 6963

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) forbade the practice of An-Najsh.

Cheating in bargains

Hadith # 6964

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

A man mentioned to the Prophet (pbuh) that he had always been cheated in bargains.

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Whenever you do bargain, say, 'No cheating.'"

Playing of tricks by the guardian of orphan-girl

Hadith # 6965

Narrated `Urwa:

That he asked `Aisha regarding the Verse:

وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تُقْسِطُوا فِي الْيَتَامَىٰ فَانكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ

'If you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly with the orphan girls,
marry (other) women of your choice.' (4.3)

`Aisha said, "It is about an orphan girl under the custody of her guardian who being attracted by her wealth and beauty wants to marry her with Mahr less than other women of her status. So such guardians were forbidden to marry them unless they treat them justly by giving them their full Mahr. Then the people sought the verdict of Allah's Apostle for such cases, whereupon Allah revealed: 'They ask your instruction concerning women..' (4.127)

If somebody kidnaps a slave-girl and master finds her (alive)

Hadith # 6966

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"For every betrayer there will be a flag by which he will be recognized on the Day of Resurrection. "

Hadith # 6967

Narrated Um Salama:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"I am only a human being, and you people have disputes. May be some one amongst you can present his case in a more eloquent and convincing manner than the other, and I give my judgment in his favor according to what I hear.

Beware! If ever I give (by error) somebody something of his brother's right then he should not take it as I have only, given him a piece of Fire."

(Tricks) in marriage

Hadith # 6968

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"A virgin should not be married till she is asked for her consent;

and the matron should not be married till she is asked whether she agrees to marry or not."

It was asked, "O Allah's Apostle! How will she (the virgin) express her consent?"

He said, "By keeping silent."

Some people said that if a virgin is not asked for her consent and she is not married, and then a man, by playing a trick presents two false witnesses that he has married her with her consent and the judge confirms his marriage as a true one, and the husband knows that the witnesses were false ones, then there is no harm for him to consummate his marriage with her and the marriage is regarded as valid.

Hadith # 6969

Narrated Al-Qasim:

A woman from the offspring of Ja'far was afraid lest her guardian marry her (to somebody) against her will. So she sent for two elderly men from the Ansar, 'AbdurRahman and Mujammi', the two sons of Jariya, and they said to her, "Don't be afraid, for Khansa' bint Khidam was given by her father in marriage against her will, then the Prophet (pbuh) cancelled that marriage."

Hadith # 6970

Narrated Abu Haraira:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"A lady slave should not be given in marriage until she is consulted,

and a virgin should not be given in marriage until her permission is granted."

The people said, "How will she express her permission?" The Prophet (pbuh) said, "By keeping silent (when asked her consent)."

Some people said, "If a man, by playing a trick, presents two false witnesses before the judge to testify that he has married a matron with her consent and the judge confirms his marriage, and the husband is sure that he has never married her (before), then such a marriage will be considered as a legal one and he may live with her as husband."

Hadith # 6971

Narrated `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"It is essential to have the consent of a virgin (for the marriage).

I said, "A virgin feels shy." The Prophet; said, "Her silence means her consent."

Some people said, "If a man falls in love with an orphan slave girl or a virgin and she refuses (him) and then he makes a trick by bringing two false witnesses to testify that he has married her, and then she attains the age of puberty and agrees to marry him and the judge accepts the false witness and the husband knows that the witnesses were false ones, he may consummate his marriage."

The trick by a woman with her husband

Hadith # 6972

Narrated `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to like sweets and also used to like honey, and whenever he finished the `Asr prayer, he used to visit his wives and stay with them. Once he visited Hafsa and remained with her longer than the period he used to stay, so I enquired about it. It was said to me, "A woman from her tribe gave her a leather skin containing honey as a present, and she gave some of it to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) to drink." I said, "By Allah, we will play a trick on him."

So, I mentioned the story to Sauda (the wife of the Prophet) and said to her, "When he enters upon you, he will come near to you whereupon you should say to him, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Have you eaten Maghafir?' He will say, 'No.' Then you say to him, 'What is this bad smell? ' And it would be very hard on Allah's Messenger (pbuh) that a bad smell should be found on his body. He will say, 'Hafsa has given me a drink of honey.'

Then you should say to him, 'Its bees must have sucked from the Al-`Urfut (a foul-

smelling flower).' I too, will tell him the same. And you, O Saifya, say the same."

So when the Prophet (pbuh) entered upon Sauda (the following happened). Sauda said, "By Him except Whom none has the right to be worshipped, I was about to say to him what you had told me to say while he was still at the gate because of fear from you. But when Allah 's Apostle came near to me, I said to him, 'O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Have you eaten Maghafir?' He replied, 'No.' I said, 'What about this smell?' He said, 'Hafsa has given me a drink of honey.' I said, 'Its bees must have sucked Al-`Urfut.' "

When he entered upon me, I told him the same as that, and when he entered upon Safiya, she too told him the same. So, when he visited Hafsa again, she said to him, "O Allah's Messenger (pbuh)! Shall I give you a drink of it (honey)?" He said, "I have no desire for it."

Sauda said, Subhan Allah! We have deprived him of it (honey)." I said to her, "Be quiet!"

Playing tricks to run from the disease of plague

Hadith # 6973

Narrated `Abdullah bin 'Amir bin Rabi`a:

`Umar bin Al-Khattab left for Sham, and when he reached a placed called Sargh, he came to know that there was an outbreak of an epidemic (of plague) in Sham. Then `AbdurRahman bin `Auf told him that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said,

"If you hear the news of an outbreak of an epidemic (plague) in a certain place, do not enter that place: and if the epidemic falls in a place while you are present in it, do not leave that place to escape from the epidemic."

So `Umar returned from Sargh.

Hadith # 6974

Narrated 'Amir bin Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas:

That he heard Usama bin Zaid speaking to Sa`d, saying, "Allah's Messenger (pbuh) mentioned the plague and said,

"It is a means of punishment with which some nations were punished and some of it has remained, and it appears now and then.

So whoever hears that there is an outbreak of plague in some land, he should not go to that land, and if the plague breaks out in the land where one is already present, one should not run away from that land, escaping from the plague."

(Tricks in) gift-giving and pre-emption

Hadith # 6975

Narrated Ibn `Abbas:

The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"The one who takes back his gift is like a dog swallowing its own vomit, and we (believers) should not act according to this bad example."

Hadith # 6976

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah:

The Prophet (pbuh) has decreed that preemption is valid in all cases where the real estate concerned has not been divided, but if the boundaries are established and the ways are made, then there is no preemption.

A man said, "Preemption is only for the neighbor," and then he makes invalid what he has confirmed.

He said, "If someone wants to buy a house and being afraid that the neighbor (of the house) may buy it through preemption, he buys one share out of one hundred shares of the house and then buys the rest of the house, then the neighbor can only have the right of preemption for the first share but not for the rest of the house; and the buyer may play such a trick in this case."

Hadith # 6977

Narrated 'Amr bin Ash-Sharid:

Al-Miswar bin Makhrama came and put his hand on my shoulder and I accompanied him to Sa'd. Abu Rafi' said to Al-Miswar, "Won't you order this (i.e. Sa'd) to buy my house which is in my yard?"

Sa'd said, "I will not offer more than four hundred in installments over a fixed period." Abu Rafi said, "I was offered five hundred cash but I refused. Had I not heard the Prophet (pbuh) saying, 'A neighbor is more entitled to receive the care of his neighbor,' I would not have sold it to you."

The narrator said, to Sufyan: Ma'mar did not say so. Sufyan said, "But he did say so to me."

Some people said, "If someone wants to sell a house and deprived somebody of the right of preemption, he has the right to play a trick to render the preemption invalid. And that is by giving the house to the buyer as a present and marking its boundaries and giving it to him. The buyer then gives the seller one-thousand Dirham as compensation in which case the preemptor loses his right of preemption."

Hadith # 6978

Narrated 'Amr bin Ash-Sharid:

Abu Rafi' said that Sa'd offered him four hundred Mithqal of gold for a house. Abu Rafi' said, "If I had not heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying, 'A neighbor has more right to be taken care of by his neighbor,' then I would not have given it to you."

Some people said, "If one has bought a portion of a house and wants to cancel the right of preemption, he may give it as a present to his little son and he will not be obliged to take an oath."

Tricks by an official person to obtain presents

Hadith # 6979

Narrated Abu Humaid As-Sa`idi:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) appointed a man called Ibn Al-Lutabiyya to collect the Zakat from Bani Sulaim's tribe. When he returned, the Prophet (pbuh) called him to account. He said (to the Prophet, 'This is your money, and this has been given to me as a gift."

On that, Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "Why didn't you stay in your father's and mother's house to see whether you will be given gifts or not if you are telling the truth?" Then the Prophet (pbuh) addressed us, and after praising and glorifying Allah, he said:

"Amma Ba'du", I employ a man from among you to manage some affair of what Allah has put under my custody, and then he comes to me and says, 'This is your money and this has been given to me as a gift. Why didn't he stay in his father's and mother's home to see whether he will be given gifts or not?

By Allah, not anyone of you takes a thing unlawfully but he will meet Allah on the Day of Resurrection, carrying that thing. I do not want to see any of you carrying a grunting camel or a mooing cow or a bleating sheep on meeting Allah."

Then the Prophet (pbuh) raised both his hands till the whiteness of his armpits became visible, and he said, "O Allah! Haven't I have conveyed (Your Message)?" The narrator added: My eyes witnessed and my ears heard (that Hadith).

Hadith # 6980

Narrated Abu Rafi`:

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "The neighbor has more right to be taken care of by his neighbor (than anyone else)."

Some men said, "If one wants to buy a house for 20,000 Dirhams then there is no harm to play a trick to deprive somebody of preemption by buying it (just on paper) with 20,000 Dirhams but paying to the seller only 9,999 Dirhams in cash and then agree with the seller to pay only one Dinar in cash for the rest of the price (i.e. 10,001 Dirhams). If the preemptor offers 20,000 Dirhams for the house, he can buy it otherwise he has no right to buy it (by this trick he got out of preemption). If the house proves to belong to somebody else other than the seller, the buyer should take back from the seller what he has paid, i.e., 9,999 Dirhams and one Dinar, because if the house proves to belong to somebody else, so the whole bargain (deal) is unlawful. If the buyer finds a defect in the house and it does not belong to somebody other than the seller, the buyer may return it and receive 20,000 Dirhams (instead of 9999 Dirham plus one Dinar) which he actually paid.'

Abu `Abdullah said, "So that man allows (some people) the playing of tricks amongst the Muslims (although) the Prophet (pbuh) said, 'In dealing with Muslims one should not sell them sick (animals) or bad things or stolen things.'"

Hadith # 6981

Narrated `Amr bin Ash-Sharid:

Abu Rafi` sold a house to Sa`d bin Malik for four-hundred Mithqal of gold, and said, "If I had not heard the Prophet (pbuh) saying, 'The neighbor has more right to be taken care of by his neighbor (than anyone else),' then I would not have sold it to you."

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