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Hadith #6

لَا يَزْنِي الزَّانِي حِينَ يَزْنِي وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَسْرِقُ حِينَ يَسْرِقُ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَشْرَبُ حِينَ يَشْرَبُهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَالتَّوْبَةُ مَعْرُوضَةٌ بَعْدُ

The one who commits an illegal sexual intercourse is not a believer at the time of committing illegal sexual intercourse and a thief is not a believer at the time of committing theft and a drinker of alcoholic drink is not a believer at the time of drinking. Yet, (the gate of) repentance is open thereafter. (Sahih Bukhari & Muslim)

- The hadith means that during the act of zina, true faith (iman) leaves the person, but it can return with repentance.
- Committing zina does not make someone a non-Muslim, but it is a major sin.
- The Prophet ﷺ would encourage people to repent privately rather than expose themselves.
- Allah says:

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا

And those who do not invoke with Allah another deity or kill the soul which Allah has forbidden [to be killed], except by right, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. And whoever should do that will meet a penalty. (25:68)

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّانِيَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا

And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way.

- Allah doesn't just say "don't do zina," but "don't go near it," meaning avoid anything that leads to it (e.g., inappropriate glances, flirtation, seclusion).
- Zina is described as "fahisha" (a shameful, immoral act) and a "bad path."

Minor and Major Zina

- Major Zina: The actual act of unlawful intercourse.
- Minor Zina: Acts leading up to it, such as lustful looks.
- The Prophet ﷺ said:

يَا عَلِيُّ لَا تُتْبِعِ النَّظْرَةَ النَّظْرَةَ فَإِنَّ لَكَ الْأُولَى وَلَيْسَتْ لَكَ الْآخِرَةُ

To Ali: Do not give a second look, Ali, (because) while you are not to blame for the first, you have no right to the second. (Sunan Abi Dawud)

- Accidental glances are excused, but intentional, repeated looks are not.

The Story of Yusuf (AS) and Zina Temptation

وَرَاوَدَتْهُ الْيَتِيمَا فِي بَيْتِهَا عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَغَلَّقَتِ الْأَبْوَابَ وَقَالَتْ هَيْتَ لَكَ قَالَ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ رَبِّي أَحْسَنَ مَثْوَايَ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ هَمَّتْ بِهِ وَهَمَّ بِهَا لَوْلَا أَنْ رَأَى بُرْهَانَ رَبِّهِ كَذَلِكَ لِنَصْرِفَ عَنْهُ الشُّوْءَ وَالْفَحْشَاءَ إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

And she, in whose house he was, sought to seduce him. She closed the doors and said, "Come, you." He said, "[I seek] the refuge of Allah. Indeed, he is my master, who has made good my residence. Indeed, wrongdoers will not succeed. (23) And she certainly determined [to seduce] him, and he would have inclined to her had he not seen the proof of his Lord. And thus [it was] that We should avert from him evil and immorality. Indeed, he was of Our chosen servants. (24)

- Yusuf (AS) was young, single, a stranger, and in a situation with no escape, yet he resisted.
- The woman (Zulaikha) was powerful, beautiful, and persistent.
- Despite all temptations and pressures (even threats of prison), Yusuf (AS) chose Allah over sin.
- Allah showed him a sign (some say a vision of his father Yaqub (AS)), strengthening his resolve.

قَالَ رَبُّ السَّجْنِ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا يَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ وَإِلَّا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي كَيْدَهُنَّ أَصْبُ إِلَيْهِنَّ وَأَكُن مِّنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ

He said, "My Lord, prison is more to my liking than that to which they invite me. And if You do not avert from me their plan, I might incline toward them and [thus] be of the ignorant. (12:33)

Repentance and Mercy

- Even those who commit major sins can repent and be forgiven.
- Story: A woman confessed zina to the Prophet ﷺ, who tried to avoid punishing her, encouraging private repentance.
- After her punishment, the Prophet ﷺ said::

لَقَدْ تَابَتْ تَوْبَةً لَّوْ قُسِمَتْ بَيْنَ سَبْعِينَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْمَدِينَةِ لَوَسِعَتْهُمْ

...She has repented in a manner that, if it were to be shared among seventy of the people of Al-Madinah it would suffice them... (Sunan Nasa'i)

Hadith on Guarding Tongue and Private Parts

مَنْ يَضْمَنُ لِي مَا بَيْنَ لَحْيَيْهِ وَمَا بَيْنَ رِجْلَيْهِ أَضْمَنُ لَهُ الْجَنَّةَ

Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw-bones and what is between his two legs (i.e. his tongue and his private parts), I guarantee Paradise for him. (Sahih Bukhari)

Social Lessons

- Islam encourages making marriage easy and accessible to prevent zina.
- Cultural practices that make marriage difficult open the door to haram.
- The Prophet ﷺ's marriages were simple and quick, emphasizing the importance of facilitating halal relationships.

Poetic Story on Chaste Love

- A scholar fell in love at first sight, wrote a poem to a woman.
- She replied, reminding him of dignity and the consequences of indecency.
- Her words inspired him to repent and turn to Allah.
- Later, when she proposed marriage, he declined, saying his heart was now filled with the love of Allah.

Takeaways

- Zina is a major sin in Islam, but repentance is always open.
- Avoid not just the act, but anything that leads to it.
- The stories of the Prophets and the Sahaba show that even the best can be tempted, but resisting for Allah's sake brings honor and reward.
- Fill your heart with the love of Allah; it will protect you from falling into sin.
- Make halal easy and accessible; don't let culture make haram easier than halal.

Key Concepts

- Zina (الزنا): In Islamic law, refers to unlawful sexual intercourse. It includes both fornication (between unmarried people) and adultery (where at least one party is married).
- Fornicator (زاني): Unmarried person committing zina.
- Adulterer (زانية): Married person committing zina.
- Dhulm (ظلم): Injustice or wrongdoing; in this context, using Allah's blessings (like our bodies) in ways displeasing to Him.
- Tawbah (توبة): Repentance; sincerely turning back to Allah after sin.
- Mu'min (مؤمن): Believer.
- Fahisha (فاحشة): Immorality, lewdness, or a shameful act.