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Why Are Adultery and Evil Gazing Forbidden In Islām?

Allah ﷻ states in the Glorious Qur'ān:

'(O Messenger ﷺ) Tell the believing men, they must lower their gazes and guard their private parts, it is more decent for them; surely Allah is all-aware of what they do.' (24:30)

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ says:

'Whosoever gives me the guarantee that he shall safeguard those parts of his body which lie between his tongue and between his thighs, I guarantee him Jannah (Paradise).' (Bukhari)

Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar hafizahullah relates, 'I was once asked by a person, 'Why is adultery forbidden in Islām?' I replied, 'So that you do not become illegitimate; Allah ﷻ wishes His servants to remain halāl!'

Imām Shāfi'ee ﷺ states:

عَمُوا تَعَفَّ نِسَاؤُكُمْ فِي الْمَحْرَمِ وَتَجَنَّبُوا مَا لَا يَلِيْقُ بِمُسْلِمٍ

*'Be chaste and the ladies in your household will stay chaste
Refrain from that which does not suit a Muslim.*

إِنَّ الزَّانِ دَيْنٌ فَإِنْ أَقْرَضْتَهُ كَانَ الْوَفَاءُ مِنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِكَ فَاعْلَمْ

*Adultery in a loan, if you give it to someone, then remember,
it will be repaid from within your family.*

يَا هَاتِغَا حُرْمَ الرِّجَالِ وَقَاطِعًا سُبُلَ الْمَوَدَّةِ عَشْتِ غَيْرِ مُكْرَمٍ

*O you who severs the dignity of noble people and devours the paths
of love and harmony, may you live a life void of any respect.*

لَوْ كُنْتَ حُرًّا مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مَاجِدٍ مَا كُنْتَ هَتَاكًا لِحُرْمَةِ مُسْلِمٍ

*If you were a noble person from a respected family,
you would not cause disgrace to your fellow Muslim.*

مَنْ يَزْنِ يُزْنِ بِهِ وَلَوْ بِجِدَارِهِ إِنْ كُنْتَ يَاهَذَا لَيِّبًا فَافْهَمْ

*Remember! Whosoever fornicates will have to suffer the same, even
if the act was to be repeated with the walls of his house. If you are a
man of understanding then take heed!*

A Crime Against Society

'Once a young man arrived in the gathering of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and requested, 'Please grant me permission to commit adultery.' The Sahābah were taken aback at this impudent statement. However, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ responded, 'Come near to me. Would you like anyone to commit adultery with your mother?' The young man replied, 'No, not at all.' The Messenger of Allah ﷺ responded, 'Then other people will also never tolerate such a shameful act with their mothers.' The Messenger of Allah ﷺ asked him the same question regarding his sister and aunt and the youth answered in the negative. Thereafter the Messenger of Allah ﷺ placed his blessed hand upon the chest of the young man and prayed, 'O Allah! Purify his heart, forgive his sins and guard him against adultery.' The young man comments, 'Thereafter, nothing was more detestable to me than adultery.'

(Maj'ma-uz Zawāid)

The Tale of Professor Wiseman

Shaykh Ashraf Ali Thanwi relates, 'Once a young man decided to climb the enormous date tree in the village square to collect ripe juicy dates for his friends. Without thinking, he climbed right to the top and began placing dates in his bag.

When the time came to descend, he realised the slippery trunk was not as easy to climb down as he had thought...panic stricken, he cried out, 'Help! Help!' All the villagers gathered underneath and tried to think of a way to bring him down but to no avail.

Finally, somebody suggested, 'Why don't we ask Professor Wiseman.' He arrived and ordered, 'Collect a large rope, make a lasso, throw it up to him and tell him to tie it tightly around his waist. The rest of you, form a line and when I give the command pull as hard as you can.'

Down the young man came, but he landed as a dead body of broken bones, dejected the villagers asked, 'Professor, we did as you instructed!' Professor Wiseman replied, 'What could I do? His death was written! For I have pulled out hundreds of people with this same method who had fallen down a well.'

Parent's Du'aas

Once there was a boy called Zaid. Zaid was kind and well-mannered. He was always obedient to his Parents.

One night Zaid's mother was lying in bed when she started feeling thirsty. She called her son and said, 'My dear, can you please bring me some water?' Zaid went and got some water for his mother. However, in his absence his mother had fallen asleep.

Zaid did not want to disturb his mother. He decided to let his mother sleep. So he stood patiently, with the glass in his hand, waiting for her to wake up. After some time Zaid's mother woke up. As she was still thirsty she got out of bed to go and get some water. Then, she saw her son standing patiently with the glass of water still in his hands.

Zaid's mother was very pleased with him and started to make lots of du'aa for her son that Allah make him a pious and well-respected man.

Due to this du'aa Zaid became a pious and well-respected man.

Moral

We should always try to be kind and helpful to our parents. We should try and make them happy with us. So the next time Mum or Dad asks you to do something, hurry up and do it! Your reward? Lots of special du'aa from Mum and Dad!

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