

66. At-Tahreem - The Prohibition

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تُحَرِّمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ تَبْتَغِي مَرْضَاتِ أَزْوَاجِكَ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١﴾ قَدْ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ تَحِلَّةَ أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢﴾ وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا نَبَأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضُهُهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ فَلَمَّا نَبَأَهَا بِهِ قَالَتْ مَنْ أَنْبَاكَ هَذَا قَالَ نَبَأَنِي الْعَلِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿٣﴾ إِنْ تَتُوبَا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ صَغَتْ قُلُوبُكُمَا وَإِنْ تَظَاهَرَا عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾ عَسَىٰ رَبُّهُ إِنْ طَلَّقَكُنَّ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا لَكُمْ مِمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تُجْرُونَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُم جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَتِمِّمْ لَنَا نُورَنَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٨﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَاغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَبَنَسِ الْمَاصِرِ ﴿٩﴾ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطِ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّاهِلِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَصَرَّبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١١﴾ وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا وَكُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا إِتْقَانُ الْإِسْلَامِ وَكَانَتْ مِنَ الْقَانِتِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

This is an especially important Surah in which some incidents regarding the wives of the **Prophet (PBUH)** have been mentioned. This Surah also identifies two prominent topics: (a). Declaration of all permissions and prohibitions (Halal and Haram) are the sole authority of **Allah (SWT)** which cannot be changed by anyone including the **Prophet (PBUH)**. (b). Since any act performed by the **Prophet (PBUH)** is considered as guideline for the followers; if the **Prophet (PBUH)** committed any un-lawful act, it was not only corrected by **Allah (SWT)**, but it also got indicated and included in the Quran.

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1 to 2: O' **Prophet (PBUH)**, why do you make unlawful that which **Allah (SWT)** has permitted for you? (is it because you seek the goodwill of your wife?) **Allah (SWT)** is All Forgiving All Merciful. **Allah (SWT)** has already ordained for you (Muslim) the procedure for breaking and expiration* of (such of) your oaths (as may run counter to what is right and just), and **He** alone is the All Knowing, the All wise.

وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا نَبَأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضُهُهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ فَلَمَّا نَبَأَهَا بِهِ قَالَتْ مَنْ أَنْبَاكَ هَذَا قَالَ نَبَأَنِي الْعَلِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿٣﴾

3: (And this is also note-worthy that) The **Prophet (PBUH)** told a matter in confidence to one of his wives. Then, when she disclosed this secret (to another), **Allah SWT** informed the **Prophet (PBUH)** (of the disclosure of the secret), the **Prophet (PBUH)** made known (to the wife) part of it. So when the **Prophet (PBUH)** told his wife about he discourse, she asked, who informed you of this, The **Prophet (PBUH)** said I was informed by **Him** Who knows everything and is all aware.

إِنْ تَتُوبَا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ صَغَتْ قُلُوبُكُمَا وَإِنْ تَظَاهَرَا عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾ عَسَىٰ رَبُّهُ إِنْ طَلَّقَكُنَّ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥﴾

4 to 5: If you both (women) repent to **Allah SWT**, (it is better for you), for your hearts swerved from the righteous path and if you supported each other against the **Prophet (PBUH)**, you should know that **Allah SWT** is his Protector, and therefore **Gabriel (AS)** and all the righteous among the believers, and all the other Angels will come to his aid. It may well be that if the **Prophet (PBUH)** divorce all of you, **Allah SWT** will give him in your place better wives, who are true Muslims, who are believing, obedient, patient, worshiping and fasting etc. be they previously married or virgins.

* After paying the compensation mentioned in Surah Al-Maida Ayat #8 and 9.

This is related to an incident in which Prophet (SWS) prohibited upon himself the consumption of specific honey served by one his wife due to disliking from other wives.

ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطِ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّاهِلِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَصَرَّبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١١﴾ وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا وَكُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا إِتْقَانُ الْإِسْلَامِ وَكَانَتْ مِنَ الْقَانِتِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

10 to 12: **Allah SWT** cites for the disbelievers the example of the wife of Noah AS and Lot AS. They were married to two of our religious servants but they betrayed their husbands, and neither of the two husbands will be of any avail to these two women when they were told (on the Day of Judgment), "Enter the Fire with all those (other sinners) who enter it. And for the believers, **Allah SWT** cites the example of the wife of Pharaoh, when she prayed, "My Lord, build for me, in your presence a house in paradise, and save me from Pharaoh and his wrong doings and save me from all evil doings people." And **Allah SWT**, cites the example of Mary AS, daughter of Imran who has guarded her chastity. So **We** breath into her body of **Our Spirit**, and she testified to the truth of her words sustainer and of **His** revelations, and she was one of the obedient.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُم جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَتِمِّمْ لَنَا نُورَنَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٨﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَاغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَبَنَسِ الْمَاصِرِ ﴿٩﴾

8 to 9: O' you who have believed turn to **Allah SWT** in sincere repentance. (It may well be that) **Allah SWT** will remove your evils from you and admit you into **The Garden** Underneath which rivers will be flowing. It will be a Day when **Allah SWT** will not humiliate **His Prophet (PBUH)** and those who have believed with him. Their glow shall be running on before them and on their right hands, and they will be saying: O' our Lord, perfect our lives for us and forgive us: **You** have power over every thing. O' **Prophet (PBUH)** strive hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. And (if they do not repent) their abode (destination) is Hell, and an evil abode it is.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تُجْرُونَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

6 to 7: O you who have believed, save yourselves and your households from a Fire whose fuel shall be the mankind and the stones, over which shall be appointed fierce and stern angles, who never disobey the commands of **Allah SWT** and they do as they are commanded. (At that time it will be said) O disbeliever do not make excuses today. You are being recompensed only for what you were doing.