

Rulings regarding adultery

In the verses of Sura Bani Israel, Allah the Almighty has mentioned several commandments that lays the foundation of better family and societal life. The basic aim of Islamic commandments is safeguard the life, respect and self-esteem of a person. That is why Allah the Almighty has discussed the rulings regarding adultery in great detail at several places in the Quran.

وَلَا تَنْفِرُوا إِلَيْنَا كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا

اور تم زنا (بدکاری) کے قریب بھی مت جانا بیک یہ بے حیاتی کا کام ہے، اور بہت ہی بری راہ ہے

And do not even go near unlawful sex (adultery). Verily it is an act of lewdness and is the most evil way.¹

In this verse Allah the Almighty has stated clearly that one should refrain this sin at every cost. Rather it is guided to leave every act that can lead towards that particular sin. The details of this verse has been mentioned in the Sura al-Nisa 14-20 & Sura al-Noor 1-5.² Allah the Almighty has guided a very tough criteria in these verses to establish the reality of sin and implication of punishment. So that no one can accuse anyone falsely. Either there should be the testimony of 4 mature Muslim persons or one should confess his sin 4 times publically. The punishments regarding this particular sin and accusing someone falsely are very strict to establish deterrence.³ This is the only way to maintain law and order in the society. This is really important to stop extra marital affairs and any illegal act with children. The government should perform his duty and make every effort to find out the culprits and establish punishment publically. God forbid, if something like this happens to anyone he/she will want revenge at any cost and severe punishment. A penalty of this status can satisfy anyone and save the society from misdeeds. Implementation of law is the only solution of all the problems of society.

¹ Bani Israel:32

² You have to read these verses.

³ Al-Noor 1-4

These commandments were mentioned in the Old and New Testaments and were preached by the Prophet Muhammad with the start of his proclamation.

Who had taken part in the battle of Badr with Allah's Apostle ﷺ and had been amongst his companions on the night of Al-Aqabahh Pledge: Allah's Apostle, surrounded by a group of his companions said, "Come along and give me the pledge of allegiance that you will not worship anything besides Allah, will not steal, will not commit illegal sexual intercourse will not kill your children, will not utter; slander, invented by yourself, and will not disobey me if I order you to do something good. Whoever among you will respect and fulfill this pledge, will be rewarded by Allah. And if one of you commits any of these sins and is punished in this world then that will be his expiation for it, and if one of you commits any of these sins and Allah screens his sin, then his matter, will rest with Allah: If He will, He will punish him and if He will,. He will excuse him." So I gave the pledge of allegiance to him for these conditions.⁴

Warnings regarding adultery:

I heard Allah's Apostle ﷺ saying, From among the portents of the Hour are the following: Religious knowledge will be taken away; General ignorance (in religious matters) will increase; illegal Sexual intercourse will prevail: Drinking of alcoholic drinks will prevail.⁵

The fornication of Eyes & Ears

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said that the eyes, ears, hands and feet also perform fornication. You should abide every deed that can leads you towards this sin.⁶

How to stop fornication?

Allah the Almighty has guided us the way f Nikah to refrain from adultery. It is prescribed to make Nikah simple and easy. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has said that most blessed Nikah is the one in

⁴ Sahih al-Bukhari:3892

⁵ Sahih al-Bukhari:5231

⁶ Musnad Ahmad 3717 & 7394

which is simple and easy. Difficulty in Nikah leads towards number of ethical and moral problems. That is why when married person commits adultery his punishment is death. Ultimately implementation of law can minimize the problem.

The Reward of abstaining Adultery

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade on the day when there will be no shade except His. They are:

- (1) a just ruler;
- (2) a young man who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, (i.e. worship Allah (Alone) sincerely from his childhood),
- (3) a man whose heart is attached to the mosque (who offers the five compulsory congregational prayers in the mosque);
- (4) two persons who love each other only for Allah's sake and they meet and part in Allah's cause only;
- (5) a man who refuses the call of a charming woman of noble birth for an illegal sexual intercourse with her and says: I am afraid of Allah;
- (6) a person who practices charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given (i.e. nobody knows how much he has given in charity).
- (7) a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes get flooded with tears."⁷

⁷ Sahih Bukari:1423