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Harms of the

Private Parts

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Introduction¹

All praise belongs to Allaah, who made unlawful all forms of indecency (concealed and public, verbal and physical indecencies). I testify that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except for Allaah alone, Who has no partners; and I testify that Muhammad is Allaah's servant and Messenger. May Allaah bestow abundantly His blessings upon Muhammad, his family, and his companions.

To proceed:

O people! Maintain *taqwaa* of Allaah, the Sublime and know that the most dangerous harm are two tremendous matters. The first is the harm of the tongue which we have discussed. As for the second, it is the scourge of one's private parts. The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“Whoever can safeguard what is between his jawbones and his legs, I will guarantee him paradise.”

The tongue and the private parts are the ones referred to in this hadith; and the Prophet (ﷺ) was asked what is the most frequent action that, if perpetrated, will lead people to the hell-fire. He said,

“the mouth and one's private parts.”

Allaah, the Majestic and Sublime, describes the believers with saying,

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَعْيُنِهِمْ هَحْفُظُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ مَلُومِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ فَمَنْ ابْتَغَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْعَادُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ ﴾

“And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts from illegal sexual acts). Except with their wives and the (women slaves and captives) whom their right hands possess, for (then) they are not to be blamed, But whosoever seeks beyond that, then it is those who are trespassers.”

[Soorah Al-Ma'arij 70:29-31]

¹ **Translator's note:** titles for each section were added for the ease of reading the *khutbah* in e-book format, and were not part of the original Arabic text.

Allaah, the Glorified and Sublime, has made forbidden, illegal sexual intercourse unlawful and one of the major sins after *Shirk*. Allaah, the Glorified says,

﴿ وَلَا تَقْرُبُوا الزِّنَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ۝٣٢﴾

“And come not near to the unlawful sexual intercourse. Verily, it is a *Fâhishah* [i.e. anything that transgresses its limits (a great sin)], and an evil way (that leads one to Hell unless Allaah forgives him).”

[Soorah Israa’ 17:32]

And Allaah, the Sublime says,

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ۝١٨ يُضَاعَفْ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَخْلُدْ فِيهِ مُهَانًا ۝١٩ إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ ۝٢٠﴾

“And those who invoke not any other *ilâh* (god) along with Allaah, nor kill such life as Allaah has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse—and whoever does this shall receive punishment. The torment will be doubled to him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein in disgrace; except those who repent.”

[Soorah Al-Furqan 25:68-70]

The crime of illegal sexual intercourse is dangerous and its effects are shameful. Allaah, the Glorified and Sublime, embedded lusts in every male and female of His creation; however, this lust is regulated by strict guidelines set by Allaah for the children of Adam specifically in order to produce fruitful outcome that generates growing interest for the Ummah and to prevent illegal sexual intercourse. If lusts are misused, great inevitable harm will occur sooner or later.

Because of that, Allaah has ordained punishments that prevent fornication, since preventing harm is better than remedying it. Allaah’s statement, **“And come not near unlawful sexual intercourse”** means avoiding all means which will lead one to fall into illegal sexual intercourse. Even if one is

disinclined to it and doesn't have a fervent desire for it, certain actions will indeed drive one to it.

- 1- The first means of preventing fornication is lowering the gaze. Allaah, the Glorified and Sublime says,

﴿قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَلِكَ أَزْكَى لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾﴾

“Tell the believing men to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts, etc.). That is purer for them. Verily, Allaah is All-Aware of what they do. And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts, etc.).”

[Soorah An-Nur 24:30-31]

Allaah orders both genders to lower the gaze since it is a protection for one's private parts. Unnecessary gazing is an enormous harm that drags the person to a dispraised outcome. For this reason, the Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“Gazing is one of the poisonous arrows of Iblees.”

It is imperative for the Muslim to lower his sight from that which will invite him to fornication; especially Muslim women who are improperly dressed and those women who beautify and display themselves in front of men on television, in magazines, in the market places, in the libraries, and so forth.

Therefore, the Muslim is obliged to lower his gaze from women since it will lead him to committing fornication even from a great distance. It has been said (about fornication), “A glance leads to a smile which leads to an appointment that leads to a meeting.” In this fashion Shaytaan gradually incites mankind.

Therefore, it is imperative for the Muslim to lower his sight wherever he is and whenever women are around in places where they display themselves or are displayed before men. Shaytaan and his troops incite the fervent desire in women to appear before men with elegance.

- 2- The second matter is the intermingling of the sexes; Allaah has made intermingling of men and women unlawful in offices, parties, and gatherings. A man should not sit next to a woman that's lawful for him to

marry, especially a woman who frequently intermingles with men. Allaah, the Majestic and Sublime made it unlawful to intermingle in the *masajid*. He commanded women to position themselves behind men to avoid intermingling, which is made prohibited in the place of worship, let alone other places.

The Muslim should be distanced from intermingling with women in places like schools, bookstores, parties, gatherings, and not in anywhere this happens. Both man and woman must refrain from intermingling to preserve each other from committing unlawful acts.

Allaah, the Glorified and Sublime has made unlawful for men and women who are lawful (in marriage) yet are not wedded to be in seclusion. The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“In every situation where a man and a woman are alone together, the Shaytaan is always their third member.”

And the Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“Beware of visiting women.”

It was said, **“O Messenger of Allaah, what do you think about a close relative of the husband?”** like his brother, paternal or maternal uncle. He said, **“The close relative of the husband is death.”** That is to say, its danger is more serious than that of strangers. Hence, a man should not seclude himself with any woman who is not permissible for him to be alone with in any place—in an office, a car, or other than that. He should avoid seclusion between two sexes.

In this manner, Islam has made it unlawful for a woman to travel alone unless she is in the company of her *mahram*.² The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“It is unlawful for a woman who believes in Allaah and the Last Day to travel unless with a *mahram*.”

This *mahram* protects her, serves her, and shields her against any man who has ill interest in her.

² - **Translator's note:** he is a person whom a woman should travel with to keep her safe, and this person should be someone who is forbidden for the woman to marry, like her father, brother, uncle, etc.

The veil

Islam has ordered the woman to wear a veil:

Allaah says,

﴿يَأْتِيهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلٌّ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِيكَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلِيبِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدَّبَ أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا

يُؤْذِنَنَّ﴾

“O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies (i.e. screen themselves completely except the eyes or one eye to see the way). That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed or harmed.”

[Soorah Al-Ahzab 33:59]

The woman's garment is what is worn over the clothes, like cloaks with a veil attached to it that covers the face, which is the most attractable. Logic dictates that if the woman is ordered to cover her hair and her feet, it's more conceivable to cover her face, which is the host of a woman's charm and beauty and at which people look. Therefore, it's a must that the woman cover her face. Such order is reasoned with,

“That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women).”

And the result of submitting to this command is, **“...so as not to be annoyed or harmed.”** Indecent individuals may hurt women if they don't cover their charms and faces, since it drives those indecent people to be greedier in their covetousness of the uncovered woman. The veil, on the other hand, deflects such harm and greed. The Islamic *Shari'ah* has also forbidden whatever leads eventually to sinking into illegal sexual intercourse. Consequently, Muslim men are obliged to protect their respective womenfolk and Muslim women are obliged to fear Allaah, save themselves from the *fitnah*, and not participate in corrupting the community.

The repugnant action of *Zinaa*

Allaah describes *zinaa*, “**Indeed it was [Fahishah] shameful and most hateful.**” The word *fahishah* is used to describe the most repugnant and shameful of forbidden acts. Allah follows this with, “**and an evil way.**”

The consequences of *zinaa* on the society are extremely disastrous. Children are born out of wedlock. They proceed in their lives lost with no family union; they feel shameful with their head down because they have no official father even if they are righteous. *Zinaa* brings nothing but the misfortune of the perpetrator, the offspring and the society. Thus, it must be avoided. Allaah has imposed punitive measures to eliminate interest in committing *zinaa*. He says,

﴿ الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُم بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۗ وَلَشَهَادَةُ عُنَايَاهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ ﴿٢﴾ الزَّانِي لَا يَنْكِحُ إِلَّا زَانِيَةً أَوْ مُشْرِكَةً وَالزَّانِيَةُ لَا يَنْكِحُهَا إِلَّا زَانٍ أَوْ مُشْرِكٌ ۗ وَحُرِّمَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ ﴿٣﴾

“**The woman and the man guilty of illegal sexual intercourse are to be flogged, each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not pity withhold you in their case, in a punishment prescribed by Allaah, if you believe in Allaah and the Last Day. And let a party of the believers witness their punishment. The adulterer shall not marry save an adulteress or an idolatress, and the adulteress none shall marry save an adulterer or an idolater; all that is forbidden unto believers.**”

[Soorah Al-Mu'minoon 23: 2-3]

The ruling mentioned in the verse addresses the virgin male and female who is not married. But if the perpetrator has enjoyed the decency of marriage and committed *zinaa*, that person is to be stoned till death before the public. Stoning is the last resort if all milder means failed to deter and discourage whomever is lenient in taking the measures set to prevent *zinaa*. Despite all of this, Allaah is always the Most Merciful. Such punishment is a form of His Mercy because it preserves the society and protects it against the blood relation crisis created by *zinaa*.

So fear Allaah and preserve your womenfolk: your wives, daughters, and relatives. Aid them in maintaining their chastity and modesty; don't be lenient in serious matters such as these for which you'll be held accountable before Allaah regarding how you managed them while they were under your custody.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“All of you are guardians and are responsible for your wards.”³

Allaah says,

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمْتِنَتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رِعُونَ ﴾ (32)

“And those who keep their trusts and covenants.”

[Soorah Al-Ma'arij 70:32]

Men are entrusted with guarding their womenfolk and to let them engage in repugnant actions is a betrayal of such trust.

Allaah says,

﴿ الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ ﴾

“Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allaah has made one of them excel the other.”

[Soorah An-Nisaa 4:34]

The word “maintainers” not only covers their financial situation, but also their protection and guardianship.

I seek Allaah's forgiveness for me, for you, and for the rest of the Muslims from any sin. Thus, seek His forgiveness; He is all-Merciful and the One who forgives.

³ - Recorded by al-Bukhari.

The second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allaah for His generosity and benevolence. I thank Him for His provision of success and bounties. I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship but Allaah with no partner and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger; may Allaah's peace and blessings be upon him, his companions, and his family.

To proceed:

Marriage is the best means of preventing *zinaa*. The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“O young men, those among you who can support a wife should marry, for it restrains eyes (from casting evil glances) and preserves one from immorality; but he who cannot afford it should observe fast for it is a means of controlling the sexual desire.” ⁴

Allaah says,

﴿وَأَنْكَحُوا الْأَيْمَىٰ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ إِنْ يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُغْنِهِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَاللَّهُ وَسِيعٌ

عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٢﴾

“Marry those among you who are single, or the virtuous ones among your slaves, male or female: if they are in poverty, Allah will give them means out of His grace: for Allaah encompasses all, and He knows all things.”

[Soorah An-Nur 24:32]

This verse commands the guardians to engage in marriage those under their custody; single males and females.

Allaah follows this verse with,

﴿وَلَيْسَتَعَفِيفِ الدِّينِ لَا يَجِدُونَ نِكَاحًا حَتَّىٰ يُغْنِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ﴾

⁴ - Recorded by al-Bukhari.

“And let those who find not the financial means for marriage keep themselves chaste, until Allaah enriches them of His Bounty.”

[Soorah An-Nur 24:33]

Chastity is: to stay away from the means of *fitnah* and fornication. Whoever seeks it shall be granted it as mentioned in the hadith. Fear Allaah and keep a close eye on your womenfolk while living in the time of confusion. The callers of deviance and their followers among our children are promoting indecency. They promote removing the veil, allowing men and women to be alone, and intermingling them in regular social contact. They promote all kinds of evil and push the Islamic society beyond the verge of destruction. Don't let your guard down against your close and far enemies.

Know that the best of speech is the Book of Allaah and the best of guidance is that of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). The worst of matters is the newly innovated religious affair and every religious innovation lands in Hellfire. Cling to the Muslim community as Allaah's Hand is with them, and whoever goes astray shall be thrown into Hellfire.

Allaah says,

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴾

“Allaah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation.”

[Soorah Al-Ahzab 33:56]

O Allaah, bestow your blessings on Your servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad; and may Your pleasure be upon his successors, the guided Imams, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali, and the rest of companions, their successors, and whoever follows them till the Day of Judgment.

O Allaah, make Islam and Muslims powerful, subdue disbelief and disbelievers, and destroy the enemies of Islam. Make this country [Saudi Arabia] safe and tranquil, and the rest of the Islamic countries. O Allaah, maintain us our safety, stability, and don't let an enemy who doesn't fear you nor have mercy on us take over us due to our sins. O Allaah, repel the harm and transgression of transgressors and the evil of the corrupt.

Allaah says,

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ
يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾

“Allaah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberty to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that ye may receive admonition.”

[Soorah An-Nahl 16:90]

So fear Allaah, O servants of Allaah and may Allaah accept from all of us.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ