

## II. WOMEN IN HELL AND PARADISE

### (a) Most of the inhabitants of hell are women:

Muhammad said:

(i) "I looked into hell and saw that *most of its inhabitants were women.*"

(al-Bukhari 7:125; 8:456)

(ii) "I saw hell also. No such (abominable) sight have I ever seen as that which I saw today; and I observed that most of its inhabitants were women." (Muslim 1982)

(iii) "You women should give alms even if it consists of your jewellery, for you will be the majority of the inhabitants of *Jahannam* (i.e. hell) on the Day of Resurrection." (al-Tirmidhi 573)

### (b) The women were sent to hell for being ungrateful to their husbands

(i) He noted: "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers were women who were ungrateful." (al-Bukhari 1:28)

(ii) "I saw the Fire and I have not seen to this day a more terrible sight. Most of the inhabitants are women. They (those to whom the Prophet was talking) said, O Messenger of God, why? He said, because of their ingratitude. They said, Are they ungrateful to the companion (i.e. husband) and ungrateful to the charity (shown by their husbands to them)? Even if you men continue to do good things for them, and a woman sees one thing (bad) from you, she will say, I never saw anything at all good from you". (al-Bukhari 2:161)

(iii) The Messenger of Allah observed: "O women, you should give charity and ask for much forgiveness for I saw you in bulk amongst the dwellers of Hell. A wise lady among them said: Why is it, Messenger of Allah, that our folk is in bulk in Hell? Upon this the Holy Prophet observed: You curse too much and are ungrateful to your spouses." (Muslim 31)

### (c) Women are a minority in Paradise:

"Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) said: 'Amongst the inmates of Paradise the women form a minority.'" (Muslim 6600)

### (d) Entry to Paradise depends on obedience to her husband:

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "When a woman observes the five times of prayer, fasts during Ramadan, preserves her chastity and obeys her husband, she may enter by any of the gates of Paradise she wishes." (al-Tirmidhi 956)

### (e) Martyrs will be given 72 wives in Paradise:

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "The martyr ... is married to seventy-two wives of the maidens with large dark eyes." (al-Tirmidhi 1067)

### (f) Every man in Paradise will have two wives with transparent legs:

"Every man among them will have two wives, each wife wearing seventy mantles through which the marrow of her leg will be seen." (al-Tirmidhi 1481)

### (g) The lowest men in Paradise will have 72 wives:

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "The lowliest of the inhabitants of Paradise will be he who has eighty thousand servants [and] seventy-two wives." (al-Tirmidhi 1494)

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# Muhammad on Women

*Some of his  
sayings  
about them*

**as recorded  
in the Hadith  
(traditions)  
of Islam**

## **I. SOME DETAILS ABOUT WOMEN according to Muhammad**

### **1. Women are deficient in intelligence and religion:**

Passing a group of women at a praying place, Muhammad<sub>pbuh</sub> commented: "I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you. A cautious sensible man could be led astray by some of you." The women asked, "O Allah's Apostle! What is deficient in our intelligence and religion?" He said, "Is not the evidence of two women equal to the witness of one man?" They replied in the affirmative. He said, "This is the deficiency in her intelligence. Isn't it true that a woman can neither pray nor fast during her menses?" The women replied in the affirmative. He said, "This is the deficiency in her religion." (al-Bukhari 1: 301)

### **2. Women are made from crooked ribs, and the head is the most bent part**

Allah's Apostle said, "Treat women nicely, for a woman is created from a rib, and the most curved portion of the rib is its upper portion, so, if you should try to straighten it, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain crooked. So treat women nicely." (al-Bukhari 4:548)

### **4. Women are bad luck**

Allah's Apostle said, "If at all there is bad omen, it is in the horse, the woman, and the house." (al-Bukhari 7:32)

### **5. Women are men's greatest affliction**

The Prophet said, "After me I have not left any affliction more harmful to men than women." (al-Bukhari 7:33)

### **6. Women should fulfil her husband's sexual desires at any time**

"Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "When a man calls his wife to satisfy his desire she must go to him even if she is occupied at the oven." (al-Tirmidhi 959)

### **7. Silence by a woman implies consent**

When asked how a virgin could indicate her consent to be married, Muhammad said: "Her silence means her consent." (al-Bukhari 9:79,100,101; 7:67, 68)

### **8. Women bowing to their husbands**

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "Had it been permissible that a person may prostrate himself before another, I would have ordered that a wife should prostrate herself before her husband." (al-Tirmidhi 110)

### **9. Husbands can beat their wives**

Muhammad said: "A man will not be asked [on the Day of Judgement] as to why he beat his wife." (Abu Dawud no.2142)

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### **10. Women betray men**

The Prophet said, "But for the Israelis, meat would not decay and but for Eve, wives would never betray their husbands." Al-Bukhari 4:547

### **11. Women, dogs and donkeys invalidate men's prayers**

"Aisha narrated: The things [Muhammad said] which annul prayers were mentioned before me. They said: 'Prayer is annulled by a dog, a donkey and a woman (if they pass in front of the praying people).' I said: 'You have made us (i.e. women) dogs'." (al-Bukhari 1:490)

### **12. Muhammad held hands with other women**

"Any of the female slaves of Medina could take hold of the hand of Allah's Apostle and take him wherever she wished." (al-Bukhari 8:97)

### **13. Women cannot be successful rulers**

Muhammad "Never will succeed such a nation that makes a woman their ruler." (al-Bukhari 5:709; 9:219)