

## Chapter – 49

## Women's Covering

(پردہ)

❖ وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ -

(Ladies)! Stay at home, and do not unveil yourselves with showiness as in the days of ignorance (before Islam). (33:33)

❖ وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَاسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ -

And if you (men) were to ask (the wives of the Prophet) for something, ask from behind a curtain. (33:53)

❖ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لَأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ

- جَلَابِيبِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ -

O prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the believing women to put a part of their outer coverings around them; they will thus be recognized and no harm comes to them. (33:59)

❖ وَالْقَوَاعِدُ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ اللَّاتِي ----- وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ -

(24:60)

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The subject of women's covering (famously known as Hijab), that is damaging the Islamic values, traditions and its distinctions, has attained big importance these days. On this topic people think and act differently. Some people who follow old Islamic values they feel the significance of the covering of women. But some people who are fond of western culture they are not convinced and so do not accept it. At the same time they are happily ready to see its consequences. Some people like western traditions but they also realize its consequences so they wish to keep themselves away from it. These people must understand

this fact that when a reality comes frontward it comes with all its subsidiaries. It is not possible that a ‘*dependent*’ should appear but it’s ‘*essential*’ do not.

Modesty, purity, shame, and seclusion are among the important elements of Islam. According to the Islamic principles, obligatory items are essentials and forbidden are unlawful. In Islam adultery (زنا) and killing children are the nastiest sins.

As per Islam husband is responsible for earnings and care for his family, and wife is meant for guarding her children and their brought up. In Islam, husband considers his wife as his life partner. He thinks for her as his honor and integrity. If man who do not care for his honor and integrity and hesitate to spend all his wealth and efforts for his family he is considered to be low and very mean.

The Verses of Quran, quoted in the beginning, establish a necessity of woman’s covering. The wives of the Prophet are advised to stay at home and not to come out without Hijab. The order given to the Prophet is applicable on whole Muslim Nation (امة). This is an order of God for all Muslims that when you ask something with the wives of Prophet, who are mothers of all Muslims, ask from behind a curtain, then how other Muslim women can dare to sit together with men? ----- Once, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم asked Fatima-tuz-Zahra رضى الله عنها, “My Daughter! What is good for women?” She said, “Women should not see to any نامحرم (who is valid for marriage) and no any stranger should see them.” Prophet said, “Why not! Fatimah is my daughter.”

Look! In Verse 33:59 mentioned above, the word “عَلَيْهِنَّ” reflects for the whole body. In the same Surah God says:

وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَاسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ ذَلِكُمْ أَطْهَرُ لِقُلُوبِكُمْ وَقُلُوبِهِنَّ

{And when you ask for something, ask from behind a partition;  
That is purer for your hearts and their hearts. (33:53)}

In Surah-tun-Noor, Verse 24:60, quoted in the start, God gives guideline to old ladies that they should also avoid to show their faces to men. But, nowadays even young Muslim women go outside without covering quite freely. Rather, they think that free style is a requirement of this modern culture. Some of them consider for women who use Hijab, as they belong to the lower class families and these people hesitate to have any contacts with them.

Some people say that if women's face, hands and feet are exposed, there is no harm in it. But look! This state is adopted when prayers are offered and not when going in front of men.

Nowadays in Europe there is a wave of this thought that if human body is not open to air they fall sick. They consider that wearing cloths is against nature. They think that they are by nature animals. Such sort of thinking may be good for their own! But we believe that human beings have very delicate body. They do not have long hairs on their body, as animals have, so they are not protected against weather. Just think over it and then answer that, to protect from hot and cold weather, wearing cloth for men is really unnatural or absolutely to the requirement of the nature ----?

Today, very few women wear Hijab in full and some wear just by name. Muslim women now wear net-clothing. Their blouses openly display chest and both hands. Tinted motor cars are now legally not allowed. Shameless men keep along their free style wives when they travel. Sad to say! Women are being used for the purpose of business promotion. Most of all, women swim with costumes in the pool and men see them sitting outside. In front of tailors, giving measurements of neck, chest and waist is considered as nothing wrong. Husbands take their whole family to Cinema Theater and show them shameful exhibits. ---- In my opinion for all such things the main blame comes on shameless and disgraceful fathers. The famous Urdu poet Akbar Ilahbadi says:

"اب عورتوں پر سے پردہ اٹھ کر مردوں کی عقلوں پر پڑ گیا ہے"

(Now the women's covering has shifted to the men's senses)

Now, let us think how this disaster of not using Hijab created?

1. This is due to the education of those things which were not required or those which were harmful! 2. Co-Education! 3. Coming out of women to earn money! 4. Meetings of Muslim women with Non-Muslims! 5. Their friendship! 6. Vulgar novels! 7. Sex literature! 8. Going to Cinema Theaters and seeing vulgar acts! 9. Semi-Naked dresses! 10. Education of acting! 11. Participating Muslim men and women in dramas!

What are the consequences of all these? 1. No love between husband and wife! 2. Family planning! 3. Hate with marriages! 4. Suffering into prevalent diseases! 5. Homosexuality!

These are the circumstances in which a nation is destroyed and ruined. ---- I feel ashamed in going into further details.

The monthly magazine “Tarjuman-ul-Quran” describes in one of its publications, giving a caption “*Outer covering; Collective and the Islamic view point*”. --- From this article, one important sentence is being quoted hereunder:

“The German Social Party Leader Bebel (1840-1913) says that after all men and women are basically animals, so can there be any question arises for marriage between pairs and particularly for a permanent marriage ----? This is the highest point of the evolution of present day Civilization” ----!!

سلیکشن ہے نوشاہ کا سینما میں	ہوئی دور شادی کی تیاریاں ہیں
نہ شو فر سے پردہ نہ بٹلر سے پردہ	تو آیا کی بھی ناز برداریاں ہیں
کٹیں چوٹیاں سب کی فیشن کے ہاتھوں	بس اب ناک کٹنے کی تیاریاں ہیں
معاذ اللہ ، معاذ اللہ	یہ کیا جہل ہے ، کیا غلط کاریاں ہیں

(Husbands are selected in Cinema Theaters  
This way all prearrangements of marriage gone  
Openness with Chauffeur! Frankness with Butler!  
And the Maids are also being flattered!  
In the name of fashion women’s hair are men’s like  
Now the only thing left is insult and humiliation  
God forbid, God forbid  
What are these silly things! What foolishness it is!)

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