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Backbiting

(غَيْبَت)

❖ لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ الْجَهْرَ بِالسُّوءِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ إِلَّا مَنْ ظَلَمَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ سَمِيعًا عَلِيمًا.

Allah does not like disclosure of evil matters, except by the oppressed. Allah hears all and knows everything. (04:148)

It was the habit of hypocrites that they used to tell one's story to other person, make publicity of Muslim's defects, spread fabricated stories, and disunite Muslims etc. The Quranic Verse quoted above stops doing all such things.

Dear People! Backbiting is forbidden. With backbiting friends become enemies. This bad habit exist more in religious educated people and scholars. They think that whatever they say is virtually in the support of religion. Remember! First preach them in loneliness, keep your intentions good, handle them politely, and then you can expect some positive effects on them.

❖ Islam permits for saying any unpleasant words against anybody in the following conditions:

1. **Victims:** When anyone has been ill-treated then he can describe it but true to the fact and without exaggeration. It is his right to mention what has happened with him. But any overstatement is not allowed. It is not good to criticize about anybody's personal affairs.
2. **Witness:** The eyewitness is supposed to describe the whole matter in front of a Judge correctly; no matter it is in favor of someone or against. Witness should say the truth; advantage or disadvantage is not his problem.

3. **Marital Affairs:** On the occasion of marriage everything must be mentioned correctly. Otherwise the other party will suffer, particularly the woman.
4. **Doing Wrong Openly:** Anybody who commits any evil deed openly that can also be described. If one has gone beyond religious rules and openly commits grave offence then his bad deeds may be exposed but only those that are done publically. Such person is called **فاسق معلن** (Impious Promoter). It is seen that the Islamic scholars and Muslim leaders are invited in various ceremonies by these Indecent Publicists, Scholars know all about them still they accept their invitations just to enjoy dinner. Very Sad! Such dinner parties have spoiled lot many things. It has affected faith and religion. Going to the house of such sinful persons is in fact damaging to the religion. ---- For all safety and security of faith, simple food of our own is far better than such so called decent food. It is regretful to say that nowadays **أَمَرَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ** (preaching for good) and **نَهَى عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ** (stopping from bad) is almost disappeared. These are the things through which ignorance flourish and faith weakens.

Some people habitually engaged in backbiting, but when somebody stops them and say not to do such thing, they say, “No! We just say all these on their face”. Look! Telling bad things face-to-face is called ‘Heart breaking’ and ‘Making Grieve’.

Some people say that I am telling all truth. Yes Gentleman! Of course truth! If it would not have been truth then it will become “Malicious Accusation”. It will become **تهمت**, false charging. Your description is a truth that is why it is called **غيبت** ‘backbiting’.

Some do not initiate such subject but if others are busy with this malpractice they take full enjoyment of it. With all these things Muslim’s ‘Unity’ is changing into ‘Disunity’. ‘Friendship’ is moving towards ‘Enmity’.

Nowadays, all meetings and parties begin with backbiting. Women are more involved in this tragedy. As soon as four women are gathered, backbiting of husbands starts. One complains with another and the other starts for her own. Women’s such betrayal with husbands would ultimately cause most of them to go to hell.

Husband, throughout his life, would always try to make his wife happy but if just one unacceptable item comes in front of his wife, she will flatly say, “My whole life spent with you miserably; in this house I did not see one thing well. Which comfort? What happiness?” ---- Anyways, very few women are happy with their husbands.

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