

Chapter – 61

Sacrifice on Child's Birth

(عقيقة)

[رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول]

مع الغلام عقيقة فأهريقوا عنه دما وأميطوا عنه الأذى (صحيح البخارى)

No.**Hadith**

- 5094 My first son was born and I took him to the Prophet who named him Ibrahim. After that he did Tahnik, then the Prophet invoked Allah to bless him.

Narrated: Abu Moosa.

(Compiler's note: Tahnik is an Arab tradition in which one date fruit is chewed by any elder person and some paste of it is put into the mouth of the newly born baby and a piece or two of it are also put on the head of the child for his blessings)

- 5095 A boy was brought to the Prophet to do Tahnik for him, but the boy urinated on him. Whereupon, the Prophet had water poured on the place of urine. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

- 5096 I was conceived by 'Abdullah bin Zubair at Makkah and became pregnant. While I was about to give birth, I came to Madinah and encamped at Quba'. I gave birth at Quba', then I brought the child to Allah's Prophet and placed him on his lap. the Prophet asked for a date, chewed it, and put his saliva in the mouth of the child. So the first thing to enter its stomach was the saliva of Allah's Prophet. Then he did its Tahnik with a date, and then invoked Allah to bless him.

It was the first child born in the Islamic era, therefore all Muslims were very happy with its birth, specially because it had been said that the Jews had bewitched Muslims, so they would not produce any offspring.

Narrated: Asma' bint Abu Bakr.

No.**Hadith**

5097/5098 Abu Talha had a child who was sick. Once Abu Talha was out and the child died. When Abu Talha returned home, he asked his wife, "How is my son?" His wife Um Salim replied, "He is quieter than he has ever been." Then she brought supper for him and he took his supper and slept with her. When he had finished, she said, "Bury the child as he's dead." Next morning Abu Talha came to Allah's Prophet and told all about to him. The Prophet asked, "Did you sleep with your wife last night?" Abu Talha said, "Yes". The Prophet said, "O Allah! Bestow your blessing on them as regards that night of theirs." Um Salim gave birth to a boy. Abu Talha told me to take care of the child till it was taken to the Prophet. Then they took the child to the Prophet. The Prophet took a date, chewed it, put it into the child's mouth and did Tahnik for him, and named him 'Abdullah.

Narrated: Anas bin Malik.

5099 It is Allah's Prophet saying, "'Aqiqa is to be offered for a newly born boy, so slaughter an animal for him, and relieve him of his suffering." *Narrated: Salman bin 'Amir.*

5100 Ibn Sirin told me to ask Hassan Basari that from whom he had heard the narration of 'Aqiqa. I asked him and he said, "From Samura bin Jundab."

Narrated: Habib bin Shaheed.

5101/5102 The Prophet said, "Neither Fara' nor 'Atira is permissible to follow." Fara' is the first offspring of camels. The pagans used to offer as a sacrifice to their idols. And 'Atira is a sheep which was slaughtered during the month of Rajab.

Narrated: Abu Hurairah.