

## Chapter – 62

## Slaughtering and Hunting

(ذبيحة اور شكار)

[فَكُلُوا مِمَّا ذُكِرَ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ بِآيَاتِهِ مُؤْمِنِينَ، (06:118)]

[إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالْدَّمَ وَالْحَمَّ الْخَنِزِيرِ وَمَا أَهَلَ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ بَاطِلٍ

وَلَا عَادٍ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ اللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ، (02:173)]

[أُحِلَّتْ لَكُمْ بِهِمَةُ الْأَنْعَامِ إِلَّا مَا يُشْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرَ مُحْلِي الصَّيْدِ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرْمٌ، (05:01)]

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5103to5105 I asked the Noble Prophet about the game killed by a Mirad (*headless arrow*) for hunting. He said, "If the game is killed with its sharp edge, eat of it, but if it is killed with its shaft, with a hit by its broad side then the game is unlawful to eat. Then I asked him about the game killed by a trained hound. He said, "If the hound catches the game for you, eat of it, for killing the game by the hound, is like its slaughtering. But if you see with your hound or hounds another dog, and you are afraid that it might have shared in hunting the game with your hound and killed it, then you should not eat of it. Because you have mentioned Allah's name on sending your hound only, but you have not mentioned it on some other.

*Narrated: Adi bin Hatim.* (See Hadith - 174).

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I said to Allah's Prophet! "We are living in a land ruled by the people of the Scripture; Can we take our meals in their utensils?" I further asked, "In that land there is plenty of game and I can hunt the game with my hound that is not trained and have trained hound too. What is lawful for me to

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eat?" The Prophet said, "As for what you have mentioned about the people of the Scripture, if you can get utensils other than theirs, do not eat out of theirs, but if you cannot get other than theirs, wash their utensils and eat out of it. If you hunt an animal with your bow after mentioning Allah's Name, eat of it. If you hunt something with your trained hound after mentioning Allah's Name, eat of it. However if you get game through untrained hound then you properly slaughter it first then you eat. *Narrated: Abu Tha'laba Khushani.*

5107 Allah's Prophet has forbidden throwing stones for hunting. Because with this method, it will simply hurt the animal but will not hunt it. --- Afterwards, once I saw a man throwing stones for hunting. I told him, "I tell you that Allah's Prophet has forbidden or disliked the throwing the stones, yet you are throwing stones! So I shall not talk to you for onwards." *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Mughaffal.*

5108t05110 The Prophet said, "Whoever keeps a pet dog which is neither a watch dog nor a hunting dog, will get a daily deduction of two Qirat from his good deeds."

*Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umer.*

5111t05114 *(When you are hunting through trained hound it is essential to mention Allah's Name on sending it. And if other hounds join your hound in hunting the game, then do not eat of it):* These are repeated hadith. See hadith-174 and 5103to5105 above.

*Narrated: Adi bin Hatim.*

5115 *(When you are living in the land of the people of the Scripture and you eat in their utensils, if you can get utensils other than theirs, do not eat in their utensils, but if you do not find others then wash their utensils and eat in them. If you hunt something with your trained hound, and have mentioned Allah's Name on sending it for hunting then you can eat the game. But if you hunt something with your untrained hound and if you were able to slaughter it before its death, you can eat of it):* This is a repeated hadith. See hadith-5106 above.

*Narrated: Abu Tha'laba Khushani.*

5116 We provoked a rabbit at a place named Az-Zahran. It started jumping. My Companions chased it till they got tired but ---

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they could not get it. However, I alone ran after it and caught it and brought it to Abu Talha. He cooked it and then sent both its legs to the Prophet who accepted them.

*Narrated: Anas bin Malik.*

5117to5119 *(These hadith narrate about a journey made between Madinah and Makkah. On the way they met with Onager and they hunted it. Moreover some other aspects of hunting are also given.*

*The gist of these hadith is as follows):*

- After hunting an Onager we cooked it. Some of the Companions of Allah's Prophet ate of it, but some others refused to eat. When they met Allah's Prophet they asked him about that. He said, "It was meal given to you by Allah." *(Even Hadith-5119 narrates that)* The Noble Prophet enquired whether you people have some more meat to eat?

(See Hadith - 1705 to 1708).

- The Prophet said, if you can get utensils other than people of Scriptures, do not eat in their utensils, but if you do not find others, then wash their utensils and eat in them. If you hunt something either with arrow or with your trained hound, and have mentioned Allah's Name on sending it then you can eat the game. When you hunt something with your untrained hound and if you were able to slaughter it before its death, you can eat of it. (See Hadith - 5106).

*Narrated: Abu Qatada.*

5120to5121 We went out in a campaign and that army was called "The Jaish Al-Khabt". Abu 'Ubaida was our commander. We were struck with severe hunger, then the sea threw a huge dead fish called 'Anbar., This was so big that we ate of it for half a month, and we used its fat to massage our bodies. Its bones were so large that a rider could easily pass under it.

*Narrated: Jabir.* (See Hadith - 2321),

5122 We participated with the Prophet in six or seven Ghazwa, and we used to eat locusts with him. *Narrated: Ibn Abi Aufa.*

5123 *(if you can get utensils other than theirs, do not eat in their utensils, but if you do not find others then wash their utensils and*

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*eat in them. If you hunt something with your trained hound, and have mentioned Allah's Name on sending it for hunting then you can eat the game. But if you hunt something with your untrained hound then if you were able to slaughter it before its death, you can eat of it):* This is a repeated hadith. See hadith-5106.

*Narrated: Abu Tha'laba Khushani.*

5124 In the evening of the day of the conquest of Khyber, the army made fires for cooking the meat of domestic donkeys. When this thing came to the knowledge of the Noble Prophet he said, "Throw away what is in the cooking pots and break the pots." People got up and said, "Shall we throw the contents of the cooking pots and then wash the pots instead of breaking them?" The Noble Prophet said, "Yes, you can do either."

*Narrated: Salama bin Al-Akwa.* (See Hadith - 2315),

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*(The gist of this hadith is):*

- We were in Zul-Halifah. There the people were struck with severe hunger so we got some camels and sheep of war booty and slaughtered them. When the Prophet came to know he ordered that the cooking pots be turned upside down, and said that the booty will be distributed first, then you can think of eating.
- During distribution one of the camels ran away. They chased the camel but they got tired, whereupon a man shot it with an arrow whereby the Prophet said, "Among these animals some are as wild as wild beasts, so if one of them runs away from you, you treated it in this way. You did it right.
- The Prophet was asked, if we do not have knives, may we slaughter our animals with canes?" The Prophet said, "If the killing tool causes blood to gush out, and if Allah's Name is mentioned, eat of the slaughtered animal. But do not slaughter with a tooth or a nail. It is because a tooth is a bone, and nail is the knife of Ethiopians."

*Narrated: Rafi bin Khadij.* (See Hadith - 2326),

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- 5126 This event had happened before descending the Divine Inspirations on the Prophet. Prophet said that he met 'Amr bin Nufail at a place near Baldah. There Allah's Prophet was presented a dish of meat (*offered to him by the pagans*), but he refused to eat it and said (*to the pagans*), "I do not eat of what you slaughter on your stone altars nor do I eat except that on which Allah's Name has been mentioned on slaughtering."  
*Narrated: 'Abdullah.*
- 5127 Once some people slaughtered their sacrifices before the Eid-al-Azha prayer. So the Prophet said, "Whoever has slaughtered his sacrifice before the prayer, should slaughter another sacrifice in lieu of it; and should slaughter it by mentioning Allah's Name." *Narrated: Jundab bin Sufyan Bajli.*
- 5128/5129 A slave girl of theirs used to shepherd some sheep at Sala (*a mountain near Madinah*). On seeing one of her sheep dying, she broke a stone and slaughtered it. Ka'ab said to his family, "Do not eat of it till I go to the Prophet and ask him. So he went to the Prophet and asked about this matter. The Prophet permitted them to eat it.  
*Narrated: Ibn 'Umer.* (See Hadith - 2157).
- 5130 We said, "O Allah's Prophet! We have no knife." The Prophet said, "If the killing tool causes blood to gush out, and if Allah's Name is mentioned, eat of the slaughtered animal. But do not slaughter with a nail or a tooth, as the nail is the knife of Ethiopians and a tooth is a bone." Suddenly a camel ran away and it was stopped with an arrow. The Prophet said, "Of these camels there are some which are as wild as wild beasts; so if one of them runs away from you and you cannot catch it, you can shoot it with an arrow." *Narrated: Abayah bin Rafey.*
- 5131/5132 (*A sheep can be slaughtered with a sharp edge of stone*): These are repeated hadith. See hadith-2157 and Hadith 5128/5129.  
*Narrated: Ka'ab bin Malik, Mu'adh bin Sa'ad.*
- 5133 The Prophet said, "Eat what is slaughtered with any instrument that makes blood flow out fast, except what is slaughtered with a tooth or a nail.  
*Narrated : Rafi bin Khadij.*

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- 5134 A group of people said to the Prophet, "Some people bring us meat and we do not know whether they have mentioned Allah's Name or not on slaughtering the animal." He said, "Mention Allah's Name on it and eat." Those people had embraced Islam recently.  
*Narrated : 'Aisha.* (See Hadith - 1930).
- 5135 We were besieging the castle of Khyber. Somebody threw a skin, full of fat, and I went ahead to take it, but on looking behind, I saw the Prophet and I felt shy in his presence and did not take it. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Mughaffal.*
- 5136 *(If the killing tool causes blood to gush out, and if Allah's Name is mentioned, eat of the slaughtered animal. But do not slaughter with a nail or a tooth. There are some animals which are as wild as wild beasts; so if one of them runs away from you and you cannot catch it, you can shoot it with an arrow):* This is a repeated hadith. See hadith-5130 and 5133 above.  
*Narrated : Rafi bin Khadij.*
- 5137to5139 We slaughtered a horse during the lifetime of the Prophet and ate it. *Narrated : Asma bint Abu Bakr.*
- 5140/5141 The Prophet has forbidden the shooting of tied or confined animals. *Narrated : Hisham bin Zaid and Ibn 'Umar.*
- 5142 I was with Ibn 'Umar. We passed by a group of young men who had tied a hen and started shooting at it. When they saw Ibn 'Umar, they dispersed, leaving it. On that Ibn 'Umar said, The Prophet cursed the one who did so.  
*Narrated : Saeed bin Jubair.*
- 5143/5144 The Prophet cursed the one who did *مثله* (cutting ear, nose tongue, and other body parts).  
*Narrated : Ibn 'Umar and 'Abdullah bin Yazid.*
- 5145 I saw the Prophet eating chicken. *Narrated : Abu Musa Ash'ari.*
- 5146 Abu Musa Ash'ari said that once the Noble Prophet was distributing animals for riding among people. When I asked my share he categorically (on oath) refused to give me animal for riding. After some time some camels of booty were brought to Allah's Prophet. So once again I asked one camel for my mounting. This time the Prophet gave me without any reluctance. I thought probably the Prophet has

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forgotten his earlier oath for me. So I reminded him for his oath. On that the Noble Prophet said, "It is Allah Who has given you mounts. ---- By Allah! if I take an oath and later I find something else better than that, then I do what is better and expiate my oath."

*Narrated : Zahdam.* (See Hadith - 4059).

5147 We slaughtered a horse during the lifetime of Prophet and ate it. *Narrated : Asma.*

5148to5153 On the Day of battle of Khyber, the Prophet made donkey's meat unlawful and allowed the eating of horse flesh.

*Narrated : Jabir bin 'Abdullah, Ibn 'Umer, 'Abdullah, Ibn Abi Aufa and 'Ali.*

(See Hadith - 2315 and Hadith 5147 above).

5154to5157 Allah's Prophet has forbidden eating meat of pet donkeys. Moreover he declared unlawful to eat the beast animals having fangs.

*Narrated : Abu Tha'lab, Anas bin Malik, and Ghifari.*

{Note: Hadith-5156 narrates that Ibn 'Abbas, the great religious learned man, refused to give a final verdict in this regard and recited the following Verse:

قُلْ لَا أَجِدُ فِي مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ مُحَرَّمًا عَلَىٰ طَاعِمٍ يَطْعَمُهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يَكُونَ مَيْتَةً  
أَوْ دَمًا مَسْفُوحًا أَوْ لَحْمَ خِنزِيرٍ فَإِنَّهُ رِجْسٌ أَوْ فِسْقًا

{Say, I do not find within that which was revealed to me anything forbidden to one who would eat it unless it be a dead animal or blood spilled out or the flesh swine, for indeed , it is impure - or it be slaughtered in disobedience dedicated to other than Allah (06:145)}

5158/5159 Once Allah's Prophet passed by a dead sheep and said, "Eating of dead animals is prohibited. However there is no harm if its owners benefit from its skin.

*Narrated : 'Abdullah bin 'Abbas.* (See Hadith - 2082).

5160 Allah's Prophet said, "The one who is wounded in Allah's Cause will come on the Day of Resurrection with his wound bleeding. The thing that will come out of his wound will be the colour of blood, but its smell will be the smell of musk."

*Narrated : Abu Hurairah.*

(See Hadith - 235 and hadith-2613).

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- 5161 The Prophet said, 'The example of a good pious companion is that of a person carrying musk and an evil one blowing a pair of bellows. The one who is carrying musk will either give you some perfume as a present, or you will buy some from him, or you will get a good smell from him. But the one who is blowing a pair of bellows will either burn your clothes or you will get a bad smell from him.'  
*Narrated : Abu Moosa.* (See Hadith - 1973).
- 5162 We provoked a rabbit at Mar Az-Zahran. The people chased it till they got tired. Then I caught it and brought it to Abu Talha, who slaughtered it and then sent both legs to the Prophet, and the Prophet accepted the present.  
*Narrated : Anas bin Malik.* (See Hadith - 5116).
- 5163/5164 (*The Prophet said that I do not eat Mastigar but I do not stop eating others*): This is a repeated hadith. See hadith-5020 and hadith 5022. *Narrated : Ibn 'Umer.*
- 5165to5167 (*Once a rat fallen in the cane of Ghee and it was dead. The Prophet said "Take out the rat and through some surrounding Ghee, then use the rest*): These are repeated hadith. See hadith-233/234. *Narrated : Maimuna and Zahri.*
- 5168 The Prophet forbade beating or targeting on the face."  
*Narrated : Ibn 'Umer.*
- 5169 I brought a brother of mine to the Prophet to do Tahnik for him, while the Prophet was in a sheep fold of his, and I saw him branding a sheep. probably on its ear.)  
*Narrated : Anas..*
- 5170/5171 (*How to slaughter an animal, the distribution of Booty and the nature of wild animals*): These are repeated hadith. See hadith-2326 and Hadith 5125.  
*Narrated : Rafi bin Khadij.*