88353 - What is the reward for spouses treating one another kindly?

the question

What is the reward of a righteous wife for her religious commitment before Allah, if she tries to make her husband happy, loves him, helps him remain chaste, takes care of him and treats him as if he is her child with all compassion, and she does everything to make him happy, and obeys him in all things, and he is very happy with her, and always prays that Allah will be pleased with her? What is the reward of the man too, if he treats his wife in a similar manner?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

I ask Allah to preserve the love and happiness between you, and to fill the houses of all Muslims with that which has filled your house of good companionship and kind treatment. I give you many glad tidings of which our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) spoke when explaining the reward of the wife who is as you described:

It was narrated from ‘Abd al-Rahman ibn ‘Awf (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“If a woman does her five (daily prayers), fasts her month (Ramadan), guards her chastity and obeys her husband, it will be said to her: Enter whichever of the gates of Paradise you want.”

Narrated by Ahmad (1/191). The editors of al-Musnad said: It is hasan li ghayrihi (hasan because of corroborating evidence). It was classed as hasan by al-Albani in Saheeh al-Targheeb (1932).

It was narrated from Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“Shall I not tell you about your men in Paradise?” We said: Yes, O Messenger of Allah. He said: “The Prophet will be in Paradise, the Siddeeq will be in Paradise, the man who visits his brother who lives far away and visits him only for the sake of Allah will be in Paradise. Shall I not tell you about your women in Paradise?” We said: Yes, O Messenger of Allah. He said: “The loving and fertile one who, if she gets angry or is mistreated or her husband gets angry says, ‘Here is my hand in your hand, I shall not sleep until you are pleased.’”

Narrated by al-Tabarani in al-Mu’jam al-Awsat (2/206). It was also narrated from a number of other Sahabah, hence it was classed as hasan by al-Albani in al-Silsilah al-Saheehah (3380) and in Saheeh al-Targheeb (1942).

And it was narrated from Husayn ibn Muhsin (may Allah be pleased with him) that his paternal aunt went to the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) concerning some need and he met her need, then he said: “Do you have a husband?” She said: Yes. He said: “How are you with him?” She said: I do what he tells me, except what is beyond me. He said: “Look at how you are with him, for he is your Paradise and your Hell.”

Narrated by Ahmad (4/341). The editors of al-Musnad said: Its isnad may be understood to be hasan. al-Mundhiri said: A jayyid (good) isnad. It was classed as saheeh by al-Hakim in al-Mustadrak (6/383) and al-Albani in Saheeh al-Targheeb (1933).

Al-Manawi said in Fayd al-Qadeer (3/60):

i.e., he is the cause of your entering Paradise if he is pleased with you, and the cause of your entering Hell if he is displeased with you. So treat him well and do not disobey his commands with regard to that which is not a sin. End quote.

As for the glad tidings which came to the husband who treats his wife kindly, it is when the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) testified that he had perfect faith which dictated that he should enter Paradise, and that he is superior to all people.

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah

(peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“The most perfect of the believers in faith is the one who is best in attitude, and the best of you is the one who is best in attitude towards his womenfolk.”

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi (1162); he said it is a hasan saheeh hadeeth. It was classed as saheeh by al-Albani in Saheeh al-Tirmidhi. Please see also the answer to question no. 43123.

And Allah knows best.