

11419 - The female martyr and the male martyr's reward of seventy-two hoor al-'iyn

the question

If a woman is killed as a martyr for the sake of Allah, how does the hadith “The shaheed will be married to seventy-two hoor al-'iyn” apply to her?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh 'Abd-Allah ibn Jibreel, may Allah preserve him, who answered as follows:

This number is only for men. A woman will have only one husband in Paradise, and she will be satisfied with him and will not need any more than that.

The Muslim woman – who is not influenced by the claims of those who propagate permissiveness and knows that she is not like men in her make-up and nature, because Allah has made her like that – does not object to the rulings of Allah or feel angry. Rather she accepts what Allah has decreed for her. Her sound nature tells her that she cannot live with more than one man at a time. So long as she has entered Paradise, she will have all that she desires, so she should not dispute now about the delights and rewards that her Lord has chosen for her, for your Lord does not treat anyone unjustly. If she is one of the people of Paradise, then she is included, like men, in the words of Allah (interpretation of the meaning):

“Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them; (there will be) therein all that inner-selves could desire, and all that eyes could delight in and you will abide therein forever”

[al-Zukhruf 43:71]

We ask Allah for al-Firdaws, the highest part of Paradise. May Allah bless our Prophet Muhammad.