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Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

A hadeeth concerning that has been narrated from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), but it is a fabricated and false hadeeth.

This is what has been narrated from 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib (may Allaah be pleased with him), that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Do not issue divorce, for the Throne shakes because of divorce." Narrated by Ibn 'Adiyy in al-Kaamil (5/112) and by al-Khateeb in Tareekh Baghdaad (12/191), and via Ibn al-Jawzi in al-Mawdoo'aat (2/277), via 'Amr ibn Jumay' from Juwaybir from al-Dahhaak from al-Nazzaal ibn Sabrah from 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib (may Allaah be pleased with him).

Ibn al-Jawzi said:

It is a mawdoo' (fabricated) hadeeth... 'Amr ibn Jumay' used to narrate munkar ahaadeeth from prominent people, and mawdoo' ahaadeeth from sound narrators. End quote.

He was as da'eef (weak) and a fabricator by many scholars, including the following:

Al-Khateeb al-Baghdaadi in Tareekh Baghdaad (12/187), Ibn al-Qaysaraani in Dhakheerat al-Huffaaz (2/1147), al-Sakhaawi in al-Maqaasid al-Hasanah (p. 31), al-Shawkaani in al-Fawaa'id al-Majmoo'ah (p. 139), al-San'aani and al-'Ajlooni in Kashf al-Khafa' (1/361), and al-Albaani in al-

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Silsilah al-Da'eefah (1/278, hadeeth no. 147).

The fact that the hadeeth is da'eef does not mean that divorce is permissible and is not disliked by Allaah. Rather divorce is disliked by Allaah, and is not permissible except when there is a need for it. A man does not have the right to divorce his wife for no good reason that makes it permissible.

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

The basic principle concerning divorce is that it is forbidden, and it is only permitted as much as is necessary. End quote.

Majmoo' al-Fataawa, 33/81.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

The basic principle concerning divorce is that it is makrooh, and the evidence for that is the verse in which Allaah says concerning those who swore not to have intercourse with their wives for four months (interpretation of the meaning):

“Those who take an oath not to have sexual relation with their wives must wait for four months, then if they return (change their idea in this period), verily, Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

227. And if they decide upon divorce, then Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Knower”

[al-Baqarah 2:226-227]

This (the phrase “then Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Knower”) is a kind of warning, whereas in the case of taking back the wife, Allaah says, “verily, Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful”. This indicates that divorce is not liked by Allaah, and that the basic principle is that divorce is makrooh. End quote.

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Al-Sharh al-Mumti', 10/428

And Allaah knows best.