6697 - Can Men Wear Silver in Islam?

the question

Can men wear silver jewellery like rings, chains, etc.?

Summary of answer

There is nothing wrong if men wear silver in Islam. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had a ring of silver and his Companions wore rings. It is not permissible for men to wear chains.

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With regard to men wearing rings of silver , this is permissible and there is nothing wrong with it.

Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) wanted to send a letter to the Romans, he was told that they would not read any letter unless it had a seal on it, so he took a ring of silver. It is as if I can see it shining on his hand, and engraved on it were the words ‘Muhammad the Messenger of Allah.’” (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5537; Muslim 2092)

A similar report was also narrated by Ibn ‘Umar (al-Bukhari, 5528; Muslim, 2091).

Shaykh al-Islam (Ibn Taymiyah) was asked about men wearing silver, and he said:

“As for rings of silver , this is permissible according to the consensus of the imams. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had a ring of silver and his Companions wore rings . This is unlike gold rings , which are forbidden according to the consensus of the four imams. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) forbade that.

As for wearing silver, there is no general statement that it is forbidden, and no one has the right to say that it is forbidden if there is no Shar’i evidence to that effect. As the Sunnah permits wearing silver rings, this is evidence that wearing silver is permissible…” (Majmu’ al-Fatawa, 25/63-65)

Can men wear chains?

With regard to wearing chains, this is not permissible for men, because this is an imitation of women, and there is no report which says that it is permissible for men to wear chains made of silver.

Wearing adornments on the wrist and neck, and on the ears is an imitation of women, as this is something that is only for women. So it is not permissible for men to wear bracelets, earrings, anklets, or chains.

For more, please see this answer: 4021 .

And Allah knows best.