

Chapter Forty-Seven

Section in relation to the signs in relation to the blessed marital relations of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

1. Imam Bukhari (d. 256 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from the chain of Sayyiduna Qatadah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ use to visit all his blessed wives¹ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا in one hour of the night and day and they were eleven women. I said to (Sayyiduna) Anas, "Did he have this ability?" Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ said, "We used to say that he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was granted the strength of thirty men."
2. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from the freed maid of the Prophet رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا Sayyidah Salmah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, she said, "The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ visited to nine of his blessed wives in one night."
3. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Ubaydullah Ibn Musa who narrated from Sayyiduna Usamah Ibn Zayd رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ and he from Safwan Ibn Sulaym رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "(Sayyiduna) Jibreel (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) came to me with a cooking pot and I ate from it. I was granted the strength of forty men in regards to marital relations."
4. Imam Ibn Adi (d. 365 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted this narration through the chain of Sayyiduna Salam Ibn Sulayman رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ from Nahshal, he from Ad-Dahhaak, who narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا Marfu'an, (attributing it to the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) similarly. The first chain of narration is good in spite of it being Mursal² as appose to this narration which is Wahi (weak).
5. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said that Waqidi informed us, from Musa Ibn Muhammad ibn Ibrahim who narrated from his father who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "I was from those who engage the least in marital relations from the people until Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) sent down upon me Al-Kafeet (a cooking pot of meat), so whenever intent marital relations at any time I find the strength for it." It is a cooking pot in which there is meat.

Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said, "Waqidi narrated from Ibn Abi Sabrah and 'Abdullah ibn Ja'far from Salih ibn Kaysan similarly to this narration. And Imam ibn Sa'd رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ stated that al-Waqidi informed us from Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah from Az Zuhri from the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who said, "I saw as though I was given a cooking pot to me and I ate from it until full, so whenever I want to go the wives³ at any moment I carry out (marital relations) since I ate from the cooking pot."

¹ Mothers of the believers رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُم.

² Scholars classify Mursal Hadith as a type of munqati' (discontinuous) narration.

³ Mothers of the believers رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُم.

6. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Mujahid and Tawoos both of whom stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was granted the strength of forty men in regards to marital relations.
7. Sayyiduna Harith ibn Usaamaah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Imam Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ who stated, "The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was granted the strength of around forty males. Every male is from the people of Jannah."
8. Sayyiduna Harith Ibn Usaamaah extracted a narration رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ from Ibn Amr that, "The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'I was granted the strength of forty men in relation to grasping (in battle and everyday life) and in relation to marriage.'"
9. Imam Tabarani, Ismaili (d. 360 AH) in his Mu'jam, and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ who stated that Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "I have been granted virtue over the people in relation to four things, in pardoning, in bravery, in abundance in marital relations and in severity of grasp."