

The Sixth Woman

The sixth woman was in the form of a dog and fire was entering her mouth and coming out from her rear end, while the angels were hitting her with hammers of fire as she used to be envious and to recount her favours to others.”

Jealousy is the name given to that condition where:

1. One sees somebody in good circumstances;
2. One is displeased at that good, and
3. One desires that the good circumstances should be destroyed.

To see somebody in good circumstances and desiring that good for one’s self without wishing any harm to the person or his good condition, is not jealousy, but harmless envy. This envy is permissible and not sinful.

In Tabarani Abdullah bin Busr narrates the Prophet saying, “Jealousy and backbiting are not from me and neither am I from them”, meaning Muslims should have nothing to do with these things.

In Sahih Bukhari Abu Hurairah narrates the Prophet saying, “Do not have jealousy between each other neither talks bad of each other, servants of Allah, live like brothers”.

In Ibn Majah Anas narrates the Prophet saying, “Jealousy cuts good deeds the same why fire burns wood and the goodness rids of evil like water rids fire.

The Prophet Muhammad (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said; “*Whoever has not thanked people, has not thanked Allah.*”

Wathilah bin Al-Aqsa (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet Muhammad (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said: “Do not express pleasure at the misfortune of a (Muslim) brother lest Allah should bestow mercy upon him and make you suffer from a misfortune.”ⁱ

A true Muslim is one who feels unhappy to see Muslims suffering, and rejoices on the happiness of his other fellows in Faith and not vice versa.

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet Muhammad (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said; “Beware of envy because envy consumes (destroys) the virtues just as the fire consumes the firewood,” or he said “grass.”ⁱⁱ

If any of the sisters fall into the above six types of women mentioned by the Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) take lessons from this and change your lives for the better. Let us become true Muslims and not Muslims by name, let us please Allah and His beloved Prophet and not our friends and others. Let us pass this message on to others and make them aware.

ⁱ Tirmidhi

ⁱⁱ Abu Dawud