

Question:

May I please have advice (sin, punishment etc) that I can pass on to those females that kiss their male cousins upon greeting and advice to the male cousins that allow their cousins to kiss them. May I also have advice that I may pass on to females that kiss their brother in laws. May Allah reward you in abundance in both worlds, Ameen.

Answer:

Bismihī Ta`āla Haamidān wa Musalliyan Respected Sister in Islam
Assalaamualaikum

The Deen of Islam is a complete and comprehensive way of living. It provides guidance and guidelines in every sphere of human life. Every commandment and prohibition possesses immense blessing and abundant benefits. Shariah commands us to observe strict purdah with all those who we are allowed to marry (i.e. ghair-mahrams) in Islam.

Hereunder are few verses of the Qur'aan and Ahaadith of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) which explains as well as emphasizes the need of observing purdah.

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِمَنْ فِي بَيْتِكَ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِنَّكُمْ لَهُنَّ حُرْمَةٌ كَمَا كُنْتُمْ حُرْمَةً لِنَسَبِكُمْ وَلِلَّذِينَ كَانُوا فِي بَيْتِكُمْ مِنَ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْحَقَارِ أَتَمَّ يَسْتَمِعُونَ ﴾
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“O Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), command your wives, daughters and the believing women to don the niqaab (veil)”.

Hereunder are a few Ahaadith that explain the grave warnings and severe punishment for those who disregard and violate this injunction of Deen.

Ma'qil bin Yasaar (radiyallahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "It is better for a person that a needle be pierced into his head than touching a woman who it is not permissible for him to touch". (Al-Mu`jamul Kabeer #17242).

Abu Umaamah (radiyallahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "Abstain from being in seclusion with women. By the qasam of that being in whose control lies my life, no man secludes himself with a strange women but shaitaan joins them. And it is better for a person to touch a swine which is messed in mud than to allow his shoulder to touch the shoulder of a strange woman (in a crowd). (Al-Mu`jamul Kabeer #7846).

`Uqbah (radiyallahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "Guard yourselves from entering upon women (who are unlawful for you)". An Ansaari Sahaabi (radiyallahu anhu) enquired, "O Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)! What about the brother in law?" Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied, "The brother in law is (like) death (i.e. much more precaution should be exercised)". (Tirmizi 1/220).

From the above we understand the gravity of the sin of freely intermingling with ghair mahrams and not observing purdah. True success and happiness lies in total submission and obedience to the laws of Allah and His Rasul (sallallahu alaihi wasallam).

Allah Taala knows best

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