

Fellow Muslims, Allāh has created the human composed of instincts, desires, and needs that the person usually strives to achieve, and Allah has bestowed the human with many things that would assist him in facing the adversities of the worldly life and the difficult circumstances one may face. Allāh said:

﴿وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

However Allah did not allow the person to use such endowments in anyway the person wants and his self desires without any regulations and restrictions. Rather, Allāh revealed laws and judgments and sent His honored prophets to guide the people to what would benefit them, so that those who follow the Prophets will be safe in the worldly life and be winners in the hereafter. Allāh has made a distinction between the life of the human and the life of the beasts by creating in the human the endowment of the mind by which one distinguishes between the good and the bad, and between what benefits and what harms. Allāh did not grant minds to the beasts, and this is why the beasts are not accountable, while the humans were made accountable. Hence, it is an obligation upon the human to adhere to the boundaries of the Islamic Law so that one lives an honorable worldly life and would be saved from the torture of in the hereafter.

This is the proper way of managing matters, in contrast to the one who calls to the unrestricted indulging into one's desires, especially the desires of prohibited looking, prohibited touching, and prohibited sexual intercourse. The notion of giving free rein to the humans' desires according to what each person wants and what each person is inclined towards leads to chaos, the loss of lineages, and the degradation of the human to a state similar to animals, and this is something that no intelligent person would condone and nobody with a sound mind would promote.

What is the need to encourage unlawful actions while it is feasible to satisfy the need in proper ways that are lawful in the religion. Our Lord ordained for us marriage with fundamentals and rules for it, that if the human used them in a good

way and did not transgress, he would achieve his goal and satisfy his needs without any deviation from the proper path or any transgression. Allāh said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِغُرُوبِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ

أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ مَلُومِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾ فَمَنْ ابْتَغَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْعَادُونَ

Hence, let the one who wants to be safe, stop at the limits of the Islamic Law so that he would be safe in his religion and in his worldly life, and he would achieve his goal in the proper ways instead of running after the prohibited, because indeed, there is no goodness in a pleasure that results in deserving the punishment of Allah. The one who does not take care of following the rules of the religion in his life and strives instead to satisfy his desires and to extinguish the fires of his desire in any which way, falls down to the bottom and the devil would lead him to fall into الزنى, fornication, this abhorrent sin.

There is no doubt that fornication is among the most dangerous enormous sins which threatens society, and it has spread a lot, and likewise, what leads to fornication has spread around a lot all over the world today. How many sessions and gatherings take place where the unlawful nakedness is exposed, and how often does it take place where men and woman mingle, and they hug and touch each other unlawfully. How often do conversations between males and females turn into lustful talk and worthless speech. How often do many late-night gatherings are filled with enormous acts. In fact, there has been many calls, in the open, to take off the clothes of uprightness without any shyness or shame. Such calls are occurring through the media, interviews, and programs on TV screens or social media. The agenda behind them is to get us to imitate the non-muslims and thereby corrupting our young men and women. It has gotten to the extent that many people look at the one who wears the clothes of chastity with looks of disapproval and gets accused of being uncivilized. What a big calamity this is that faces our society and our nation, and what a big sickness this is that has spread among the people today!!!

Allāh clarified in القرآن the danger of fornication and its bad consequences upon the human and the society. Allah said:

﴿وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّيْنَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا﴾

Al-Bukhārīyy narrated from the route of ^Abdullāh the son of Ibn Mas^ud that he said I asked The Prophet ﷺ what is the biggest sin to Allāh? The Prophet ﷺ said what means **to associate partners with Allāh or to say something is similar to Allah**, I said, “that is enormous, then what?” he said what means, “**to kill your child fearing he would lessen your wealth**,” I said, “then what?” He said what means “**to fornicate with the wife of your neighbor**.”

The حديث proves that blasphemy is the biggest sin and killing unjustly follows that and then fornication. The meaning of the حديث is supported by the Honorable قراءان Allah said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا﴾

The Prophet ﷺ mentioned the wife of the neighbor in his حديث to show that fornicating with the wife of the neighbor is uglier because that fornicator combines the sin of fornication with the sin of doing injustice to the neighbor.

Fornication is an evil act and it is an enormous sin that is against what is honorable and righteousness. The one who does it is ashamed of others knowing about him, and it is more worthy for one to be shy from Allāh. The Prophet ﷺ said what means, “**To be shy about disobeying Allāh has precedence over being shy from people**.” Narrated by Al-Bayhaqiyy.

How often has fornication brought shame and destruction? How often has it caused conflicts, bloodshed, breaking apart of families, dividing children, estrangement of friends or relatives, and this is why Allāh made this ugly sin forbidden in all the revealed laws, it was never permitted ever in any revealed law of any prophet from the first of them the father of humanity Adam to محمد peace be upon them all, and all of them warned against its dangers.

Dear brothers, indeed, the goodness is in adhering to the rules of the religion, and the ultimate wisdom is to fear Allāh تعالى. May Allah facilitate for us obeying Him, and may Allah forgive my sins and yours.