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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

From Abdullaah bin Zamah (رضي الله عنه)¹, that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² said:

يَعْمَدُ أَحَدُكُمْ فَيَجْلِدُ امْرَأَتَهُ جَلْدَ الْعَبْدِ فَيُلَاحِقُهَا فَيُفْلِحُ لَهَا مِنْ أَخْرِي وَمِنْ

'None of you should lash your wife like the lashing of a slave, and then perhaps at night he has intercourse with her.'³

Shaykh al-'Uthaymeen (رحمته الله) said: 'He lashes his wife like he lashes any other person as if there was no relationship between him and his wife, and as if she is a captive slave, helper to him. This is not befitting because the relationship between a man and his wife is a special relationship, which must be built upon love, compassion, and keeping far away from evil, whether it is in speech or in action.

As for lashing her like lashing a slave, then at night to have intercourse with her, then how is it possible that you have intercourse with her at night with love, and then take pleasure and desire from her and you had lashed her like the lashing of a slave? !

This is a contradiction; this is why the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) rebuked this action. It is not befitting that this occurs from a human being, and the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) spoke the truth, indeed this does not befit an intelligent person more over a believer.'⁴

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Collected by Bukhaaree & Muslim

⁴ Taken from: 'Sharh Riyadh as-Saleheen' 3/119

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