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بِذَلِّلِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said:

Some of the people say that it is possible to take from the statement of the messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)², “so that you can taste his honey and he can taste your honey”, that we can take what is called a honeymoon so is this correct?

[Translator’s Footnote: Originally "honeymoon" simply described the period just after the wedding when things are at their sweetest; it is assumed to wane in a month. (Wikipedia)]

Yes this is correct. But the honey is not just for a month if you remain with the woman; rather the honey will be continuous not just for a month.

As for travelling during this month to lands that are not befitting to be travelled to then this is a waste of money. And then we hear about some of the people who travel to outside countries and they go to swimming pools, night clubs, and theatres, and his wife is uncovered, revealing her head, chest and arms, and so on and so forth; and with Allaah refuge is sought.

This only occurs from someone who has changed the favour of Allaah into ingratitude; rather the reward for this blessing is for the person to increase in thanking Allaah and to live with his family in a good manner.

But what is the ruling on the one who says, ‘instead of this I will go with my wife to ‘Umrah, (for the honeymoon)?

We say this is good, but it is not good. Because it is obvious that the origin of this is taken from the non-Muslims; we did not know of this during the time of the previous scholars or during the time of the pious predecessors and none of the people of knowledge spoke about doing this, therefore this has been obtained from the non-Muslims; this is one angle.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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From another angle, I fear that if a long time passes by and the people are making marriage a legitimate reason for making 'Umrah then it will be said, it is the Sunnah for everyone who gets married to make 'Umrah. Therefore we would have invented for an act of worship, a reason that has not been legislated, and this is a problem. Because if a long time passes the condition of the people will change and they will forget the beginning.

For this reason we say, have the honeymoon in your room, in your home and make the honeymoon forever not one month; and the praises belong to Allaah for wellbeing.