

Woman serving her husband

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

Question: May Allaah give you good noble Shaykh, the questioner says: ‘We hear a lot these days, that the wife is not required to serve her husband as it relates to cooking and washing clothes. Therefore we would like from you a word to explain this affair.

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ)¹: The woman now has evolved; she doesn’t take care of her husband. Now if you need her to take care of some of your needs, she doesn’t stay in the house. The husband comes and sits in the house and waits and she doesn’t come (home); or she comes at the last part of the night. Now the women are rebellious. It is from the Sunnah for the woman to serve her husband. The female companions, (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ)², served their husbands, they cooked and took care of the home and they were the female companions, the best women of this nation. Faatimah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا)³, the daughter of Muhammad, (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴; used to carry water on her neck such that the rope left a mark on her neck. She requested from the Messenger that he provide her with a servant and he refused. He refused to provide her with a servant and he ordered her to seek help by remembrance of Allaah and seeking forgiveness from Allaah; and she was the daughter of Muhammad, (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ) (rad iyallahu `anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

³ (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with her

⁴ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him