
Ruling of woman winding hair at top of her head

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Question:

‘Some women gather their hair in the shape of a bun at the back of the head, does this enter into the warning mentioned in the Hadeeth: **‘Women whose heads will be like the inclined hump of a camel they will not enter Paradise’**.

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said:

‘If a woman gathers her hair for when she is busy working away, then afterwards she lets it down, then there is no harm in this, since she does not do this as an adornment or beautification but rather out of necessity.

As for gathering her hair and raising it up for the purpose of beautification, and it is facing upwards then it enters under the prohibition, due to the saying of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)²:

‘Their heads will be like the hump of a camel.’³

A camel hump is at the top, and if the hair is above the neck then it does not enter under the Hadeeth. However, it is warned against doing so if a woman wants to go out to the market, since if she goes out to the market and gathers her hair on her head then it will appear from within her Abaya (outer garment), and it will cause attention, so she is prohibited from having this hair-style if she goes out to the market places.⁴

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

³ Saheeh Muslim

⁴ From 'Liqa al-Baab al-Maftooh' Tape 161, see: <http://www.mktaba.org/vb/showthread.php?t=13165>