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Question

How are you Mufti Sahib

Someone sent me this and wants 2 know if its authentic

Darul Ilm: The dowry of Sayyida Fatima (r)

Sayyida Fatima (as) is the daughter of the Prophet (s). When her blessed father (s) said, "I want you to marry `Ali," she kept quiet, she did not answer, and the Prophet (s) wanted her opinion so he asked her a second and third time, "Yaa Fatima, I want you to marry `Ali."

She said, "I refuse the marriage, except on one condition."

Is there any condition to the order of the Prophet (s)? It is not possible, but she is distinguished from others, she is Sayyidat an-Nisaa, Nisaa Ahl al-Jannah, Leader of the Ladies of Paradise!

So he (s) said to her, "Yaa Fatima, silence is an indication of acceptance."

She said, "O my father, I accept only on my condition."

Jibreel (a) came down and said to the Prophet (s), "Ask her what is her condition."

The Prophet (s) said, "Jibreel said for me to ask you, what is your condition?"

She said, "O my father, when you were created, when Allah took one handful of His Light and said to it 'Be Muhammad!' and you asked about your Ummah, and when you were born in dunya you came out in sadja and cried out, 'My Ummah, my Ummah,' and in Akhirah you will ask about your Ummah, so my condition is that Allah (swt) make your Ummah my dowry for my marriage to Sayyidina `Ali (a)."

The Prophet (s) did not answer until Jibreel (a) came and said, "Yaa Muhammad! Allah is giving you salaam and says He accepts the dowry of Fatima is the entire Ummah of the Prophet (s) and on the Day of Judgement she will request her dowry."

Therefore, all the Ummah is part of the mahr of Sayyida Fatima and on Day of Judgment all of them will enter Paradise from her barakah, az-Zahra.

May Allah make us with her in dunya and Akhirah, and may Allah gather us with all of Ahl al-Bayt.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Answer:

Whenever a person attributes something to the beloved Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.), that person must ensure that it is without a shadow of doubt authentic, otherwise the consequences will be great in the hereafter.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Telling lies about me is not like telling lies about anyone else. Whoever tells lies about me deliberately, let him take his place in Hell." ¹

Every scholar who quotes a hadeeth must ensure the grade and strength of such hadeeth, if a person quotes something but cannot verify its source then such a quotation should not be believed until it can be verified.

The above "hadeeth" in question cannot be verified in any of the authentic sources, **therefore we will have to consider it as something that was fabricated** because it clearly contradicts what we have found in the authentic narrations about the details of the Mahr of Hadhrat Faatima (r.a.).

Imam Ibne Katheer mentions in his encyclopedia of History "Al Bidaaya wan Nihaaya" at least five (5) reliable quotations of the hadeeth of the marriage of Hadhrat Faatima (r.a.) to Hadhrat Ali (r.a.)², all of these hadeeth carry the same meaning and details and none of them resemble what we have found in the question above.

The following is one of the authentic narrations that we have found, the narrator is the freed slave of Ali (r.a.):

Ali رضي الله عنه then says, "By Allah, she (his freed slave) kept encouraging me until I entered upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. When I sat before him, I could not speak, out of awe and respect."

"What brings you here? Do you need something?," asked the Prophet ﷺ. Ali remained silent and the Prophet ﷺ understood.

¹ Bukhari # 1229

² Al Bidaaya wan Nihaaya, pg 368, vol 2

Ali رضي الله عنه continues: "He ﷺ then said: 'Perhaps you have come to propose to Fatimah?' I said: 'Yes.' He said: 'Do you have anything to give as a mahr?' I said: 'No, by Allah, O Messenger of Allah.'

"He said: 'What did you do with the shield I gave you? By the One in Whose hand is my soul, it is worth four hundred dirhams.' I said: 'I have it.' He said: 'I give her to you in marriage; send it to her and that will be her dowry.' So it became the mahr of Fatimah, the daughter of the Messenger of Allah."

May Allah guide us to display true love for the Prophet (s.a.w.) and proper respect for his teachings.

Only Allah knows best

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