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WOMEN IN MASJID

At the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ women used to perform prayers in Masjid. And Women used to attend the congregational Prayers. As recorded in Several Ahadith such as Sahih Bukhari, Sahih Muslim and elsewhere.

But at the time of Hazrat Umar "Radiallahu Anhu", He disliked for women to go to Masjid to attend prayers and He stopped them.

It is stated in Sahih Bukhari:

عن عمرة عن عائشة قالت لو ادرك رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ما حدث النساء لمنعهن المسجد كما منعت نساء بنى اسرائيل فقلت لعمرة او منعهن قالت نعم

Hazrat Aisha "Radiallahu Anha" said to A'mrah:

"If the Messenger of Allah ﷺ had seen what the women of our time do, he would have forbidden them to go to Masjid just as the Israelite women were forbidden." Yahya Bin Sa'eed asked A'mrah is that so? She said Yes.

(Bukhari – Vol 1 – Page 120)

Same Hadith in Sahih Muslim and Abu Dawood:

عن عمرة بنت عبد الرحمن انها سمعت عائشة زوجة النبي تقول لو ان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم رأى ما حدث النساء لمنعهن المسجد كما منعت نساء بنى اسرائيل فقلت لعمرة نساء بنى اسرائيل منعهن المسجد قالت نعم

(Muslim – Vol 1 Page 183)(Abu Dawood – Page 94)

Imam Nawawi explained this Hadith as follows:

يعنى من الزينة والطيب وحسن الثياب ونحوها

.....Because of Make up, Perfumes, attractive clothes etc . . .

The above things were not exist at all like this period and time we are living in. So, it is common sense to realise as well.

Hazrat Abdullah reported:

عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال صلوة المرأة فى بيتها افضل من صلوتها فى حجرتها
وصلوتها فى مخدعها افضل من صلوتها فى بيتها

The Prophet ﷺ said that the best place for a woman's Prayer is in the privacy of her house, and in another narration, in the privacy of her room.

(Abu Dawood – Page 94)

Even it is Makrouh “Dislike” for women to go to perform Eid ul Fitr & Eid ul Adha Prayer in Masjid.

Imam ul Muhaditheen Hazrat Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Abi Sheiba has related many hadiths on that topic in his book “*Musannaf ibne abi Sheiba fil ahaadith wal Aasaar*” which are as following:

1. Waqee' related to us and Sufyaan said to him (Waqee') and Abdullah bin Jabir said to him (Sufyaan) and Naafi' said to him (Abdullah bin Jabir) that Abdullah bin Umar stated that their women did not use to go to Masjid for both Eid.

حدثنا وكيع عن سفيان عن عبدالله بن جابر عن نافع عن ابن عمر انه كان لا يخرج نساءه فى العيدين

2. Abu Usama related to us, Hishaam said to him (Usama), A'rwah said to him (Hishaam) and His father stated that no permission was granted for women in his house to go to perform both Eid (In Masjid).

حدثنا ابواسامة عن هشام عن عروة عن ابيه انه كان لا يدع امرأة من اهله تخرج الى فطر ولا الى اضحى

3. Abu Bakr said to us, Jareer said to him (Abu Bakr), Mansoor said to Jareer and Ibraahim said to him that it is disliked for women to go to perform both Eid Prayers (In Masjid).

حدثنا ابوبكر قال حدثنا جرير عن منصور عن ابراهيم قال يكره خروج النساء فى العيدين

4. Waqee' bin Hasan Said, Saalih said to him, then Mansoor then Ibraahim reported that it is Makrooh for young girls (Special) to attend Both Eid Prayers (In Masjid).

حدثنا وكيع بن حسن بن صالح عن منصور عن ابراهيم قال كره للشابة ان تخرج الى العيدين

Note: Imam Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Abi Sheiba is the teacher of Imam Muslim, *Imam Bukhari*, Imam Abu Dawood, Imam Ibne Maajah, Imam Baghawi etc . . .

More Hadiths

لقد نهى عمر عن الخروج الى المساجد فشكون الى عائشة فقالت لو علم النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ما علمه عمر ما اذن لكن في الخروج

Hazrat Umar “Radiallahu Anhu” stopped the women to go to Masjid. In this regard Hazrat Aisha “Radiallahu Anha” said that if the Holy Prophet ﷺ would have known so he would have stopped them to go to Masjid.

Inaayah, Vol 1, Page 365

ولا يباح للشواوب منهن الخروج الى الجماعات بدليل ما روى عن عمر انه نهى للشواوب عن الخروج

It is not good for young girls to go to Masjid (to perform Prayers) to attend the congregational prayer. As reported by Umar.

Badaa'us Sanai' Vol 1, Page 157:

كان ابن عمر يقوم يحصب النساء يوم الجمعة يخرجن من المسجد

On Jumma Day Hazrat Ibn e Umar used to return the women back from Masjid (to their House).

A'inee Vol 3, Page 228:

عن ابي عمرو الشيباني انه راى عبدالله بن عمر يخرج النساء من المسجد يوم الجمعة ويقول اخرجن الى بيوتكن خير لكن

Abi Amr Ash-Sheibaani said that he has seen Hazrat Ibn e Umar said to the women on Jumma Day that return back and it is better to perform Salaat in your house.

Targheeb, Vol 1, Page 190

والله ورسوله اعلم بالصواب

Jazaakallah

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