

59896 - What will happen to a woman in Paradise if her husband is one of the people of the Fire?

the question

In the Holy Qur'aan and in many ahaadeeth of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) it describes what the Muslim will find when he enters Paradise by Allah's Leave of reward and delights. In particular mention is made of al-hoor al-'iyn and it says that Allah will reunite him with his wife if she was one of the righteous believing women.

My question is: What awaits the righteous believing woman who enters Paradise if her husband was not righteous and is one of the people of Hell, Allah forbid?.

Detailed answer

We ask Allah to make us and you among the people of Paradise, with all our families and loved ones. If a woman's husband enters Paradise along with her, then he will be her husband there too, but if he is one of the people of Hell, or if the woman did not get married in this world, then she will get married to a man among the people of Paradise.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked: If a woman is one of the people of Paradise and she did not get married in this world, or she got married but her husband does not enter Paradise, who will she be with?

He answered:

The answer is based on the general meaning of the verses in which Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"Therein you shall have (all) that your inner-selves desire, and therein you shall have (all) for which you ask" [Fussilat 41:31]

“(there will be) therein all that inner-selves could desire, and all that eyes could delight in and you will abide therein forever” [al-Zukhruf 43:71]

So if a woman is one of the people of Paradise and she did not get married, or if her husband is not one of the people of Paradise, when she enters Paradise there will be men who did not get married, and those men will have wives from among the hur al-‘iyn and wives from among the people of this world if they wish.

Similarly with regard to the woman who did not have a husband, or who had a husband in this world but he did not enter Paradise with her, if she wants to get married then she will inevitably have what she desires, because of the general meaning of these verses.

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And Allah knows best.