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Backbiting in Islam

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- very widespread today
- hard to stop, but definitely worth it, could cause you to lose good deeds and ruins relationships with family and friends

The Dangers of the tongue (in general)

(1)

مَا يُلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَذِيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

"Not a word does he utter, but there is a watcher ready to record it."

(2)

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يَقْدِرُ خَيْرًا أَوْ لَبَثًا

"Let him who believes in God and the last day either speak good or keep silent..."

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Prophet described better muslims as

"A muslim who avoids harming others with his tongue and hands"

"MANY MORE EXAMPLES"

So, what is Backbiting?

The prophet asked his companions —

"أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْفَحْشَى؟"

Do you know what backbiting is

They said

اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ

"God and His messenger know best"

The prophet said

الغَبَيْبُ زِكْرُكَ أَخَاهُ بِمَا يَكْرَهُ

"Backbiting implies talking about your brother in a way he hates"

- someone asked "what if I'm saying something + he is?"
- "If that defect is (in him), you will have backbiten him, and if it is not in him, you will have slandered him."

قال(ﷺ) إِنْ كَانَ فِيهِ مَا تَقُولُ فَقَدْ رَأَيْتَهُ، وَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ
فِيهِ مَا تَقُولُ فَقَدْ بَهَثَ

- This person may be bad :
 - ① If you talk about him, → backbiting
 - ② You tell him up front → You hurt him

Neither is right

- help him, fix his problem,

- Backbiting not limited to just tongue.

- ① tongue
- ② gesture
- ③ eye

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَجْتَبُوا كَثِيرًا مِنَ الظُّنُنِ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظُّنُنِ إِثْمٌ وَلَا
بَحْسَسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا أَيْحِبْ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ
لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرْهُتُمُوهُ وَأَنْقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَابٌ رَّحِيمٌ

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O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful.

Consequences of Backbiting

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... لَعْنَتُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّمْوَاتُ الْمُمْسَكُاتُ

- People really enjoy this, like nothing better than talking about others

Prophet Hadith: when the prophet went on the Isra' and Miraj, he saw people with brass fingernails, which they cut the flesh of their faces and chests.

- Prophet asks Jibrail who those people are?
- These are the people who eat people's flesh and attack their honor

Even more frightening

- Hadith: He who cuts the flesh of his brother (by backbiting) in life, will have the man's corpse brought to him on Judgment day.

It will then be said for the person to eat
him dead as you ate him alive.

- (He will eat it, and his lower lip will extend to his chest and upper jaw to his head, while he is screaming)

Hadith of two graves - one didn't clean himself + other
one for backbiting.

Instead of sinning and talking about others?

- Ask Allah for forgiveness
- talk about something beneficial.
- talk about the seerah.

Don't waste your time! What are you going to benefit?

Punishments

① On Earth: get Allah's anger

- worry about people spreading the information.

② Grave: The previously mentioned Hadith.

STORY OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

③ Day of Judgment: putting the person on the day of judgment.

- imagine this! It is real!

* Your tongue will witness against you on the day of judgment.

The worst: Someone does all good deeds (i.e., pray, fast, zanah, etc. and acts of worship).

- ALL these deeds were counted and accepted.

- And then to see MOUNTAINS of good deeds get distributed to those you hurt.

Hadith: Do you know who is bankrupt?

- the one with no money

- the one who comes with Sadaqah, Zakah, Sawm, and Hizy
and harmed to people

- All of this given from his good deeds.

What happens when good deeds done? - take bad deeds.

- imagine you have a negative balance

→ all good deeds gone.

Problem many dont notice

The one who listens and speaks are held equally accountable - same sin.

Hadith of the time 2 people backbited of a man who was stoned for fornication

- Dont sit with someone gossiping

So what should we do?

1. tell him/her lets not backbite

2. If it doesn't work, leave the person's company

You can do even better - defend the person



"He who defends me the worse is his brother, Allah will shield his face against the Fire."

- what a great reward!

Amr ibn Al-Aas passed by a mule's corpse and told his friends it was better to eat from it until his stomach was full, better than eating his muslim brothers flesh by slandering him.

Al-Hassan ibn Basri - was backbiting - gave him a gift of dates for giving him good deeds.

Ibrahim ibn Adham invited people for dinner, and they start talking, he smiled and said people were used to eating bread before the meat, but you started with meat first

For Allah's sake, don't do this! we're not gonna buy it.
- Don't give people your good deeds -
It's not worth it.