

What does ISLAM say about ADULTERY and FORNICATION

"Do not come near to adultery, indeed it is a shameful deed and an evil way."

(Al-Qur'an 17:32)

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Living in a society in which people have accepted western lifestyle as their way of life brings immorality at every step. Modesty, shame and honour have no place in the western civilisation. Today, Muslims too are increasingly banishing their modesty of which Rasoolullah *sallallahu alayhi wasallam* said: **"Modesty is a part of Iman."**



"The hands also commit adultery, their adultery is touching; the feet also commit adultery, their adultery is walking towards adultery; the mouth also commits adultery, its adultery is kissing." (Muslim, Aboo Dawood)

The Qur'an condemns this evil act which ruins families, destroys household peace and strikes at the root of pure and pious living, and prescribes exemplary punishment for it. The Qur'an says: **"Do not come near adultery, indeed it is a shameful deed and an evil way."** (17:32)

In another verse Allah ta'ala says: **"The woman and the man guilty of fornication, flog each of them with a hundred lashes; let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by Allah, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day: and let a party of the believers witness their punishment."** (24:2)

In another verse Allah ta'ala says: **"Those (are the servants of the the Most Gracious Allah) who invoke not, with Allah, any other god; nor take the life which Allah has forbidden except for just cause; nor commit adultery; and whoso does this, shall meet the punishment. The punishment will be doubled for him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will dwell therein disdained forever."** (25:68-69)

Rasoolullah *sallallahu alayhi wasallam* has said: **"When an unmarried male commits adultery with an unmarried female they should receive one hundred lashes and exile for one year, and in case of married male committing adultery with a married female, they should be stoned to death."** (Muslim)

Rasoolullah *sallallahu alayhi wasallam* has said: **"A person who**

commits adultery does not commit it in the state of Iman. A person who drinks alcohol does not drink it in the state of Iman. (Bukhari, Muslim, Aboo Dawood, Nasa'ee)

In another Hadeeth Rasoolullah *sallallahu alayhi wasallam* said: **"When a person commits adultery, Iman comes out of him and it stays like an umbrella over his head; and when he stops committing adultery, Iman returns to him."** (Aboo Dawood, Tirmidzi, Bayhaqi)

The great *mufasssir* Ata Ibne Abi Rabah under the tafseer of verse, **"It (the Hell) has seven doors..."**, states: **"The most severe of these doors, from the point of grief, heat, punishment and smell, is for those people who committed adultery after his knowledge (of it being a sin and haram)."**

DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF ADULTERY AND FORNICATION

Anas *radhiyallahu anhu* narrates that Rasoolullah *sallallahu alayhi wasallam* has said: **"Avoid adultery/fornication, for six effects; of these three are experienced in this world and other three in the hereafter. The three experienced in this are:**

- Noor (lustre) vanishes from the faces of adulterers.
- It brings poverty and famine.
- The lifespan is reduced.

The three experienced in the hereafter are:

- Allah subjects the adulterers to His Anger.
- They will be subjected to strict reckoning on the Judgement.
- They will be cast into Hell."

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