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Chapter : 3. The Mubaarak Hair Of Rasulullah.

003 : 023 : Hadith 001

Anas R.A. reported: "The hair of Rasulullah (SAW) reached till half of his ears".

003 : 024 : Hadith 002

Ayesha R.A. reported: Rasulullah (SAW) and I bathed in one utensil, and the mubarak hair of Rasulullah (SAW) was longer than those that reached the ear lobes, and were less than those that reached the shoulders". (It means that they were not very long nor were they short, but of a medium length).

Commentary.
It is not clear from this hadith if both bathed in a state of undress. Ayesha R.A. herself says: 'I did not see the private parts of Sayyidina Rasulullah (SAW), nor did he see my private parts'. Also the using of water from the same utensil cannot prove this. There are many ways both could have bathed from the same utensil and yet not see the private parts of one another.

From this hadith we also learn of the bathing together of husband and wife. The ulama are unanimous in accepting Imaam Nawawi's saying that this is jaa'iz (permissible). Another method is that the husband bathes first and the wife bathes after him with the remaining water. This is also unanimously accepted by all. The third method is the opposite where the wife bathes first then the husband bathes with the remaining water. This method is accepted by the Hanafis, Shaafi'ees and the Maalikis. The Hunbalis says it is not permissible, but if the husband is present and both bath together, then it is permissible. The pros and cons of this subject are very lengthy, therefore they have been omitted here. This subject have been mentioned briefly in Arabic commentary. Since a reputed Imaam opposes this, and this has also been mentioned in the hadith, it will therefore to better to abstain from it.

003 : 025 : Hadith 003

Baraa bin Aazib R.A. reports: "Rasulullah (SAW) was of average hight, and the portion between the two shoulders was wide. His hair was till his ear lobes".

Commentary.
This hadith has been explained in the chapter on the mubarak features of Sayidina Rasulullah (SAW). Because of the hair is briefly mentioned here again.

003 : 026 : Hadith 004

Qataadah bin Da'aamah As-Sadusi relates: "I asked Anas R.A., 'How was the hair of Rasulullah (SAW)?'. He replied: 'It was not very twisted, nor very straight. It had a slight twist and was a bit curled, and reached till his ear-lobes'".

003 : 027 : Hadith 005

Umme Haani bint Abi Taalib R.A. says: "Rasulullah (SAW) came to Makkah once after the hijrah. His mubarak hair had four plaits".

Commentary.
According to well-known sources Sayyidina Rasulullah (SAW) came to Makkah Mukarramah four times after the hijrah. The first, at the time of Umratul Qadhaa in the 7th year hijri, then at the time of Fathu Makkah in the 8th year hijri and in the same journey for Umratul Ja'iraanah. Lastly in the 10th year hijri for Hajj. The journey mentioned in this hadith under discussion, according to Bayjuri is at the time of Fath (conquest) of Makkah Mukarramah. The same has been stated in the Mazaahire Haq. The Ulama have stated other times also.

For men to make plaits like women is Makruh. By the word Ghadaa'ir in this hadith, one should take to mean that, 'in which that there is no similitude', because Sayyidina Rasulullah (SAW) forbade himself.

003 : 028 : Hadith 006

It is reported from Anas R.A. that the hair of Sayyidina Rasulullah (SAW) reached till the middle of the ears.

003 : 029 : Hadith 007

Ibne Abbas R.A. says: "Rasulullah (SAW) used to leave his hair the way it naturally was, without making a path in the hair (parting hair). The reason being that the mushrikeen (polytheists) used to make a path in their hair, and the Ahlul Kitaab (People of the Book) did not do so. In the early periods Rasulullah (SAW) preferred to follow the Ahlul Kitaab, rather than others, in matters where no command had came from Allah. Later this was abrogated, and Rasulullah (SAW) began apposing the ways of the Ahlul Kitaab after this".

003 : 030 : Hadith 008

Umme Haani R.A. reports: "I saw Rasulullah (SAW) with four side locks (on his hair)".

Commentary.
Apparently this is the same hadith as has been quoted earlier.