121557 - Fabricated Report On Virtue of Pregnancy, Giving Birth and Breastfeeding

the question

I recently came across some ahadeeth (narrations) that I had never heard before. The subjects which they are talking about are very important to me, so I would I appreciate it if you could kindly tell me their status (if they are authentic). The ahadeeth are listed below, Jazak Allah khair for your help:

1. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has said; "Homemaking (Allah-willing) raises the station of a woman to the level of those who make Jihad " (Kanz)
2. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has said: "The birds in flight, the fish in the rivers, the angels in heaven and the animals in the jungles seek repentance for the woman who is obedient and submits to her husband."
3. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has said: "O women, the pious among you will enter Paradise before pious men. When the husbands will enter Paradise, these women will be presented to their husbands after being bathed and perfumed. These women will be on red and yellow coloured conveyances accompanied by children (as beautiful) as scattered pearls."
4. Addressing Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her), the nurse of his son Ibrahim (may Allah be pleased with him), the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Does it not please any one of you that if she conceives by her husband and he is satisfied with her that she receives the reward of fasting and vigil for Allah's sake. And none of the dwellers of Heaven or Earth know about the coolness of her eyes (a unique repose) she will get for the labor pains she suffered. When she delivers, not a mouthful of milk flows from her and not an instance of the child's suck, but that she receives for every suck and mouthful, the reward of a good deed. If she is kept awake by her child during the night she receives the reward of freeing seventy slaves for the sake of Allah." The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) then said: "O Salamah do you know which women are being referred to? Those who despite piety and enjoying a respectable position, obey their husbands and do not belittle them."

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

This hadeeth was narrated by Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him):

Salamah – the nurse of Ibraheem, the son of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) – said: O Messenger of Allah, you give glad tidings of all good to the men and you do not give glad tidings to women. He said: “Have your friends put you up to asking this?” She said: Yes, they told me (to ask). He said: “Doesn’t it please one of you that if she is pregnant from her husband and he was pleased with her, she will have a reward like that of one who fasts and prays qiyam (night prayers) for the sake of Allah. When her labour starts, neither the people of heaven nor the people of earth know what is hidden for her of delight, and when she gives birth, not one drop of her milk comes out and (her infant) does not suck once, but for each drop and each suck she will have one hasanah (good deed), and if he keeps her awake at night she will have a reward like that of freeing seventy slaves for the sake of Allah? O Salamah, do you know who I mean by this? It is the chaste and righteous women who are obedient to their husbands, those who are not ungrateful for kind treatment.”

Narrated by al-Tabarani in al-Mu’jam al-Awsat (7/20); Abu Na’eem in Mu’jam al-Sahabah (no. 7049); Ibn ‘Asakir in Tareekh Dimashq (43/347); Ibn al-Jawzi in al-Mawdoo’at (2/274) and others, via Hisham ibn ‘Ammar; Abu ‘Ammar ibn Nusayr told me, from ‘Amr ibn Sa’eed al-Khawlani, from Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him).

Then al-Tabarani said: This hadeeth was not narrated from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) except via this isnad (chain of transmission) in which Hisham ibn ‘Ammar is the only one who narrated it. End quote.

This is a fabricated and false hadeeth. Ibn Hibban ruled it to be fabricated (mawdoo’) in al-Majrooheen (2/34), as did Ibn al-Jawzi in al-Mawdoo’aat (Bab Thawab al-Mar’ah idha hamalat wa wada’at, 2/273).

Al-Shaykh al-Albani (may Allah have mercy on him) said concerning it:

A fabricated hadeeth with clear signs of being fabricated. The problem with the hadeeth is al-Khawlani. Al-Dhahabi said: He narrated fabricated reports. Then he quoted this hadeeth. It was narrated by Ibn al-Jawzi in al-Mawdoo'at (2/274) from the report of al-Tabarani in al-Awsat, and he said: Ibn Hibban said: 'Amr ibn Sa'eed who narrated this fabricated hadeeth from Anas (may Allah be pleased with him): he should not be quoted except by way of giving an example of a fabricated hadeeth. Al-Suyooti agreed with him in al-La-ali' (2/175). It was quoted via al-Khawlani by Ibn Mandah in al-Ma'rifah (2/329/2) and also by al-Hasan ibn Sufyan in his Musnad, and also in al-Fayd. End quote.

Al-Silsilah al-Da'eefah (no. 2055).

Anyone who wants to study the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) hadeeth concerning the virtue of a woman obeying her husband and looking after him should refer to the book by al-Imam al-Mundhiri entitled al-Targheeb wa'l-Tarheeb. In part three (p.31) he has a chapter entitled Targheeb al-Zawj fi'l-Wafa' bi Haqq Zawjatihi wa Husn 'Ashratiha, wa'l-Mar'ah bi Haqq Zawjiha wa Ta'atihi wa Tarheebuha min Isqatihi wa Mukhalafatihi (Encouraging the husband to fulfil his wife's rights and treat her kindly, and (encouraging) the wife to fulfil her husband's rights and obey him, and warning her against neglecting his rights and disobeying him).

In this chapter he compiled all the haadeeths that have to do with this topic, most of which are saheeh (authentic), but some of them are da'eef (weak). The one who wants to read only the reports which the scholars classed as saheeh may read the book called Saheeh al-Targheeb wa'l-Tarheeb by al-Shaykh al-Albani (2/193), and read the same chapter from which the da'eef haadeeths have been excluded.

And Allah knows best.