

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَلَا يَغْتَبِ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ
 مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَحِيمٌ-

And spy not, nor back-bite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his brother who is dead? Certainly you would loathe it. And fear Allah, surely, Allah is Oft-Returning with compassion and is Merciful.

Surah Al-Hujurat: 13

BACKBITING

QUOTE OF

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH V

“Some people indulge in curiosity for particular reasons. For instance, in daily life, in offices, employees may observe their colleagues or others working at different places, like factories etc, and **search for their weaknesses**. They then report these shortcomings to their superiors in an attempt to appear as the superiors' trusted individuals and gain their favour. Sometimes, this behavior stems from a mere habit or an unwarranted animosity towards someone, prompting them to look for faults in that person. It is essential to remember that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ warned about such people, stating that they will never enter Paradise. Who, then, would be wise enough to sacrifice their eternal Paradise for a fleeting worldly pleasure, a minor enjoyment, or trivial gains?”

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HADITH

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked:
 Messenger of Allah! What is back-biting?

He replied: **It is saying something about your brother which he would dislike**. He was asked again: Tell me how the matter stands if what I say about my brother is true?

He replied: **If what you say of him is true, you have slandered him, and if what you say of him is not true, you have reviled him.**

Sunan Abi Dawood

SAYING OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

“As a Muslim, one should treat God’s creation with sympathy and gentleness; and should not carry any kind of grudge, jealousy, or rancour for his brethren; and should distance himself from **backbiting** altogether. Many of you do not duly discharge the rights of God’s creation yet. Many harbour enmity and dissent among themselves and look upon those who are weaker and poorer than them with disdain, treating them rudely; and **backbite** against each other, carrying grudges and rancour in their hearts; whereas God admonishes the believers to become as a single body.”

Malfuzat Vol X, p.88

QUOTE OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH I

“One should abstain from being too curious about the lives of other people because that leads to backbiting which in turn leads you away from becoming righteous.”

See Haqaiqul-Furqan, Vol 4, p. 6

