

Woman cutting her hair

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Question: What is the ruling concerning a woman cutting some of her hair?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: With regard to a woman cutting her hair, then one must look into the motive behind her doing it. So if a woman cuts her hair in imitation of the disbelieving or sinful women, then it is not permissible for her to cut it while having this intention. As for cutting only a small portion from her hair or cutting it in accordance to the desires of her husband, then I do not see anything preventing this from being done.

It is reported in Saheeh Muslim (no. 320) that: "The Prophet's (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² wives used to cut their hair to the point that it would reach the earlobes."

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him