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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) led his Companions in the Eid prayer without announcing the Adhān or Iqāmah. When he completed the prayer, he delivered a sermon. He began by ordering them to fear Allah by performing what Allah has commanded and avoiding what He has prohibited, and to obey Allah in public and in secret. He also ordered them to remember the promise of Allah as well as His threat, thus admonishing them through hope and fear. Since the women were in a place separate from the men and were, thus, not able to listen to the sermon, and out of the Prophet's care and pity for the old and the young, he went to them with Bilāl. He preached to them and reminded them of the Hereafter, and he further instructed them with an advice tailored specifically for them. He told them that that they will constitute the majority of the Hellfire inhabitants, and that giving charity is their way for salvation, because it alleviates Allah's anger. A woman, who was sitting in the middle of the crowd, stood up and asked why most of the women will enter Hellfire, so that they may avoid doing whatever is leading to it. He said it is because women complain constantly, speak what is evil, and are ungrateful when their

spouses fall short with them once. Since the female Companions (may Allah be pleased with him) had always been striving towards doing good and fleeing from what angers Allah, they immediately donated their jewelry that they were wearing, rings and earrings, and threw it into the lap of Bilāl. They did this out of love for Allah and seeking His pleasure and His reward.

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