

وسبيل العفة وصور للشهوة، والطريق المشروع لإيجاد البنين والأحفاد وانتشار الأنساب والأصهار فبالزواج المشروع تنشأ الأسرة الكريمة وتنشأ معها المودة والرحمة، ويتوفر السكن واللباس، إنها آية من آيات الله ~~فيها~~ القرآن ~~على ما علمونا~~ ~~فيها~~ ~~من آياته~~ أن خلق لكم من أنفسكم أزواجاً لتسكنوا إليها وجعل بينكم مودةً ورحمةً إن في ذلك لآياتٍ لقوم يتفكرون) الروم: 21.

وهي وما يتفرغ منها نعمة ومئة ينبغي أن نشكر الله عليها (والله جعل لكم من أنفسكم أزواجاً وجعل لكم من أزواجكم بيناً وحفدةً ورزقكم من الطيبات أقبالاً بطل يؤمنون ويضعف الله هم يكفرون) النحل: 72.

عباد الله إن الأسرة في الإسلام لوحة مضيئة ومراة عاكسة لسمو تعليم القرآن، وهي شاهد ملموس على علو شأن الإسلام تعجز الأنظمة البشرية -مهما بلغت- أن تبلغ مبلغه، وأفلاست الأديان القديمة والحضارات المعاصرة أن تصل مستواه، والواقع يشهد بتفكك الأسر وضياع المجتمعات في مشرق الأرض ومغربها حين يغيب عنها الإسلام أو تفضل عن توجيهات القرآن!.

أجل إن من هدي الإسلام في بناء الأسرة الأمر بالعبادة بالمعروف (وعاشروهم بالمعروف) النساء: من الآية 19.

ويقول عز من قائل: (فامسكوا بمعروف) البقرة: من الآية 229.

الحمد لله رب العالمين خلق فسوى وقدر فهدى، وخلق الزوجين الذكر والأنثى من نطفة إذا تمنى، وأن عليه النشأة الأخرى، وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، آلاؤه لا تعد ولا تحصى (وإن تعدوا نعمة الله لا تحصوها) إبراهيم: من الآية 34، ومن آلائه جعل للناس من أنفسهم أزواجاً ليسكنوا إليها وجعل بينهم مودةً ورحمةً، وأشهد أن محمداً عبده ورسوله جاءت رسالته بالخير والهدى وأقامت في المجتمع بناءً تقوم أو أصره على البر والإحسان و المودة والثقى، اللهم صل وسلم عليه وعلى سائر الأنبياء والمرسلين، وارض اللهم عن آل بيته المؤمنين وصحابه الخيرين والتابعين ومن تبعهم بإحسان إلى يوم الدين وسلم تسليماً كثيراً.

فأما بعد فأوصي نفسي وإياكم - معاشر المسلمين - بتقوى الله، وتلك وصية الله للأولين والآخرين (ولقد وصينا الذين أتوا الكتاب من قبلكم وإياكم أن اتقوا الله) النساء: من الآية 131.

(يا أيها الناس اتقوا ربكم الذي خلقكم من نفس واحدة وخلق منها زوجها وبث منهما رجالاً كثيراً ونساءً واتقوا الله الذي تساءلون به والأرحام إن الله كان عليكم رقيباً) النساء: 1.

أيها المسلمون! يعني الإسلام عناية عظيمة ببناء الأسرة وصونها من أي سهام توجه إليها، ذلكم أن الأسرة قاعدة المجتمع، ومدرسة الأجيال،

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, Allah's magnificent signs are all around us, the sun, the moon, the trees, the snow, the ice, the birds...but there are also some signs of Allah that are with us every time we drive into our driveways, put the key in our doors and enter into our homes. When your wife, son or daughter opens the door and greets you after coming home from a hard day at work. When you enter the house and smell the biryani and kabsa cooking on the stove. All of these are blessings from Allah that deserve our thanks and remembrance. Indeed our families are blessings right in front of our eyes that many of us tend to forget about.

Our families are those who are there for us in times of need, times of distress, times of hardship and difficulties. Having a family is a great blessing from Allah.

Good families are the source and foundation of good communities.

And The piety of a family is dependant upon the piety of the individual members of the family, and the piety of a community is likewise dependant upon the piety of the families who make up the community.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, our religion attaches great importance to the family, how it is established and how to keep it together. For the Muslim family to keep up its high rank and status, then it needs to maintain a state of love and harmony, and we need to find within our families feelings of kindness, affection, and mercy. This starts off with the husband and wife, as Allah says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ - 30:21

“And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy.” (Ar-Ruum: 21).

Allah also says:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٍ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٍ لِهِنَّ - 2:187

“They are Libaas [i.e. body cover, or screen, or Sakan, (i.e. you enjoy the pleasure of living with her)] for you and you are the same for them.” (Al-Baqarah: 187).

The Qur’an made it clear to married couples that each of them is essential to the other. Allah says:

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا - 7:189

“It is He Who has created you from a single person (Adam), and (then) He has created from him his wife [Hawwa’ (Eve)], in order that he might enjoy the pleasure of living with her.” (Al-A’araaf: 189).

Allah created male and female and bound them together in marriage so that they can enjoy living together, help one another, support one another and have children as well. It cannot be imagined that one could lead a normal, human life if the normal family structure was eliminated. And unfortunately, we have some who are trying to break down and destroy the traditional family structure. They are Those who promote indecency and immorality such as gay marriage laws and same sex relationships. Because of this we find that many houses are filled with two fathers or two mothers as parents, and this has led to the rise of single moms and dads and the decline of two-parent households. This has led to children being indoctrinated in schools that it's ok to choose your gender, and it's ok to have two moms or dads at home. When you examine many of the families here in the West today, you will find that families are disintegrating and the parents cannot control their children, whether intellectually or morally. The son has the right to go wherever he wants and do whatever he wants; the daughter has the right to sit with whoever she wants and sleep with whoever she wants, all in the name of freedom and rights. And what is the result? Broken families, children born outside marriage, (elderly) mothers and fathers who are not looked after. As a wise man once said: 'If you want to know the true nature of a people, go to the prisons and the hospitals and convalescent homes... ~~for indeed many people here do not remember their parents except on holidays and special occasions or when it is time to inherit them.~~ and observe how many people are forgotten and uncared for...

Today the family structure in general and specifically the Muslim family is being attacked by all angles, and those pointing the arrows are aimed at shaking its very foundations, by undoing the family ties, spoiling the women's character and her manners, teaching her ~~to~~ be independent, telling her to

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Brothers and sisters in Islam...we need to ask ourselves... if our families our destroyed, will there then remain any Muslim nation? And what will be the status of this nation?

So what do we have to do as Muslims to protect our families... and protect our youth from being negatively influenced by these faulty examples of families? The first is be reminded about our responsibilities. ~~individually~~ ^{individually} and ^{collectively} ~~collectively~~ that surround us...

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Servants of Allah...Verily Islam gives each family member important duties, responsibilities and roles to fulfill.

Fathers, who are the maintainers of their families, are responsible for their wives and children. Responsible for maintaining them financially, physically, emotionally, as well as intellectually. The man is responsible to fulfil all of this wife's and children's needs according to his ability. In his absence, the wife is responsible for their children and teaching them Islamic manners and etiquettes. The children are to listen and obey, and respect the rights of fathers and mothers, on a basis of love and respect.

AND

In order for the father to fulfil his duties and be an example for his family, then the father must first honor and respect his mother, so that his children will learn from his example and honor and respect their mother as well.

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: A man came to the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and said, "O Messenger of

Allaah, who among people is most deserving of my good company?" He said, "Your mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said, "Your mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said, "Your mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said, "Then your father." (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5626; Muslim, 2548)

call your mother, help her, comfort her, be there for her, pay attention to what she says...

Also The father must honor, respect and be good to his wife, as It was narrated that 'Aa'ishah said: the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The best of you are those who are best to their wives, and I am the best of you to my wives." (Narrated and classed as hasan by al-

Tirmidhi, 3895). Thank your wife for being a wonderful mother, for cooking for you, for washing your clothes, bearing your children, buy her gifts on a regular basis, take her on vacation, take her out for dinner, respect her, be there for her... helper at home....

Also

The father must also honor and respect his daughters as well, It was narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri that the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

"Whoever has three daughters or three sisters, or two daughters or two sisters, and takes good care of them and fears Allaah with regard to them, will enter Paradise." (Narrated by Ibn Hibbaan in his Saheeh, 2/190)

Teach your daughters how to pray, how to read Quran, how to wear hijab, how to help her mother around the house...

So in order for the family unit and structure to remain strong brothers and sisters.... the Father, who is the maintainer of the family must be the best example of proper Islamic knowledge, righteousness, affection, mercy, compassion, and responsibility. May Allah make us good parents and

leaders of our families and forgive us for our shortcomings...

Second Khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam! Building a family on a sound, rational basis is not an easy task, it is a very difficult duty that requires preparation and planning. Family life is not all fun and games; rather it is a series of responsibilities and duties.

The head of a household is required to strike a balance between his work, his acts of worship and being free for his family; to give each one its due, ^{right} ~~the~~ rights of the wife, ^{teaching and raising} ~~bringing up~~ the children ^{and working} ~~etc.~~ If the head of the household is unable to make time to sit by himself or with members of the family to talk to them and listen to them, later on, when it is too late to do so, or is no longer possible, he will regret not having made the time.
 So sit down with your families today, leave the iphones on the table, turn off the computers, and sit down together and give everyone their due time and a few tears.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ " يَا عَبْدَ اللَّهِ أَلَمْ أُخْبِرْ أَنَّكَ تَصُومُ النَّهَارَ وَتَقُومُ اللَّيْلَ ". قُلْتُ بَلَى يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ. قَالَ فَلَا تَفْعَلْ، صُمْ وَأَفْطِرْ، وَنَمْ وَنَمْ، فَإِنَّ لِحَسَدِكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا، وَإِنَّ لِعَيْنِكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا، وَإِنَّ لِرَوْحِكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا "

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said to me "O `Abdullah! Have I not been informed that you fast all day and stand in prayer all night?" I said, "Yes, O Messenger of Allah!" So the Prophet said, "Do not do that! Rather, Observe the fast sometimes and break your fast sometimes; stand up for the prayer at night and also sleep at night. Verily, Your body has a right over you, your eyes have a right over you, and your wife has a right over you."

So a happy family which seeks stability and continuity, must have a strong leader who gives everyone their due rights. And that leader of the Muslim family structures his family and ~~family~~ life around the Quran and Sunnah, ~~and upright principles found within the Quran and Sunnah~~. The most important ^{responsibilities} ~~of which~~ are: the raising and teaching of children, mutual respect of each others rights, courteousness in dealing with each member of the family, while teaching them what is

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right, and pointing out to them what is wrong. With knowledge, wisdom and fine words and advice...

Servants of Allah, teaching and raising Muslim youth is a job for the whole family. In fact, the home is the first school in which the child is introduced to the basic tenets of his religion, and this important job should not be left to teachers at public school or Sunday School.

The Muslim family is held responsible before Allah for the correct Islamic upbringing of its children, instilling in them the concept of worship of Allah alone and following His prescribed way in their lives.

Do our families today fulfil their childrearing and educational responsibilities? Does our method of raising children give them the power to resist foreign ideologies, beliefs and practices that contradict and conflict with Islam? Do members of the family gather together to learn the Qur'an? Do our children find in our homes useful lessons, good examples and good manners?

Any shortcomings or omissions in the family's job of raising its children will have negative effects on the thoughts, structure and security of the community.

As Parents, we will be asked about the fulfilment of our parental duties. Ibn Umar related that Prophet said:

أَلَا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ فَالْأَمِيرُ الَّذِي عَلَى النَّاسِ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُمْ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى بَيْتِ بَعْلِهَا وَوَالِدِهِ وَهِيَ مَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْهُمْ وَالْعَبْدُ رَاعٍ عَلَى مَالِ سَيِّدِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُ أَلَا فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ "

Be reminded that every one of you is a guardian, and every one is responsible for his wards. The Ameer is a guardian over the people and shall be questioned about his followers. A man is a guardian over the members of his family and shall be questioned about them and about fulfilling their rights. A woman is a guardian over the household of her husband and children and shall be questioned about them (as to how she managed the household and brought up the children). A servant is a guardian over the property of his master and shall be questioned about it (as to how he safeguarded his trust). Beware, every one of you is a guardian and every one of you shall be questioned with regard to his trust.

Sit with your family and see how you can be a better father, a better mother, a better daughter and a better son. If we have fallen short or been negligent in fulfilling some of our responsibilities towards our families, then let us all recognize these shortcomings and make a sincere effort to improve. We must take account of ourselves and our responsibilities here in this dunya where we still have the opportunity to change, before we're asked about them in the hereafter and we don't have the opportunity to improve or change. So let's start today brothers and sisters, don't wait until tomorrow. Sit down with your family tonight and discuss how we can make our families better, so that our communities will be better as well.