

Domestic Violence Khutbah

Importance of Family in Islam

Peace, Happiness, Tranquility

Opposite is Disaster, Broken Homes, and Violence

Ar-Rum (The Romans) - 30:21

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

30:21 (**Asad**) And among His wonders is this: He creates for you mates out of your own kind. [15] so that you might incline towards them, and He inspires love and tenderness between you: in this, behold, there are messages indeed for people who think! -

The Arabic word of the verse is *taskunu*: meaning a place where someone feels at “home,” as the word for home, *sakan*, comes from the same root word.

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) - 3:195

بَعْضُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ

You are from each other

“My mate is part of me and I am part of her/him”

misconception - Islam subjugates women or that it considers men as superior to women.

No one is better than other, however, each has defined roles. Man is the provider and women is the care-giver and educator of children.

the need for a balanced partnership between men and women for the betterment of society as a whole.

Some might say, men are better than women based on this Ayah

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:34

(الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ ا 4:34)

MEN SHALL take full care of women with the bounties which God has bestowed more abundantly on the former than on the latter, [42] and with what they may spend out of their possessions.

Brothers,do not elevate' yourself and place yourself above your wife or mother or sister, for you are part of her and she is part of you."

there is no place for arrogance or forcefulness towards women.

"You are from each other" is an elevation of the woman's position and God is telling men to withdrawing their pride and arrogance when dealing with women. In some cases, the same message is for sisters also where wife is a dominant member of the family.

Boss - better half

Allah SWT honors and protects women as daughters.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said parents who are blessed with three daughters and raise them well will be rewarded entry into Heaven. The prophet was asked would parents still be rewarded with heaven if they only have two daughters or even only one daughter. The Prophet said that even having only one daughter, well raised and attended to, can provide the reward in the afterlife for her parents.

The key point is that parents must raise their daughters well, and, in so doing, honoring their daughters and treating them well. “Are you investing time, money, and effort in raising them properly and treating them well?”

Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) saying, "Heaven is under the feet of the mother."

Thus a woman's role as a mother is highly elevated to respect that role and the responsibilities that come with it.

the Prophet was once asked who has more rights in one's life. The Prophet first replied "your mother." The man asked, "Who after that?" and the Prophet replied, two more times, "your mother." Then on his fourth reply, the Prophet answered, "then your father."

Prophet answered in this manner "to change the mentality of the Jahiliyya (of ignorance) to the mentality of Islam.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner. That's nearly 10 million people a year.
- On a typical day, there more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence and 90% are eyewitnesses.
- Abuse is strongly linked to increased rates of depression and suicide.

You might say “The vast majority of us have never inflicted physical, emotional, or verbal abuse, never will, and can never imagine it.” Some of you may even think that this message has no weight. .

Muslim Family Everyone is happy. Families are functional. Not true. And if, Alhamdulillah, you are not one of those people, it is your responsibility to take this message today to others and help to prevent abuse before it occurs

3 women's shelters are operated by Muslim Organizations in Houston.

transcends race, culture, color, and religion. contaminates every society and socioeconomic status.

There have been incidents in Muslim community of all sorts of crimes related to spousal abuse.

Need to be extra careful as Islam haters quickly jump to the conclusion that it is part of Islam. Far from the truth.

refusing to say so in the interest of “not saying anything bad about Muslims” will not make it go away. It is, in fact, treason to the Muslim community, as one of the first things one must do in order to cure a disease is to recognize that the ailment exists in the first place. Mental disease. Denial is deadly.

(2:187) هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ

They are your garments, and you are their garments.

What does a garment do? It protects one from the elements of heat and cold; it hides the faults that are hidden below the garment; it covers what should not be seen by others; and it also adorns and makes the wearer beautiful. That is the perfect description of what spouses do for one another.

Domestic violence can take shape in many forms: physical abuse, financial abuse, emotional abuse and threats, abandonment and neglect, etc.

By neglecting our loved one's needs, by raising our voices at home and not holding back anger, or by being demeaning and being condescending when speaking to our family members.

These constitute domestic abuse as well, common in both men and women.
emboldens the anger and resentment within us.

We all know of the story of two of the Sahabah, one of whom his wife was distraught and in a bad physical and mental shape; the Prophet informed this women's husband: **“Your body has rights, your Lord has rights, your guests have rights, your family has rights; given everyone that has a right their due.”** by al-Bukhārī from Wahb ibn `Abdullāh

He (ṣallallāhu `alayhi wa-sallam) said **“The strong amongst you is not one of physical strength; the strong is the person who restrains themselves when angry.”** by al-Bukhārī from Abū Hurayrah.

The motivation behind domestic violence is almost always power and control.

abusers feel the need to control their partner because of anger, low self-esteem, jealousy, and other strong emotions.

Unhealthy cultural norms and growing up in an abusive household contribute to domestic violence.

Could reflect in children.

Often perpetrators do not believe they are abusers because they do not physically lash out at their victims.

women are by far the vast majority of victims, though children, the elderly and men can also be victims.

The stigma and shame of abuse discourages victims and their families from seeking help and further isolates those being abused.

On the contrary, many victims in our community are encouraged to absorb the abuse and injustice for the sake of Allah. And that is not the solution.

Telling perpetrators that abuse is wrong isn't enough.

- Victims should be encouraged to speak to authorities and keep themselves and their families safe.
- Abusers should take responsibility and accept the consequences of their behavior.
- Abusers should seek extensive therapy and counselling that will address the underlying beliefs and attitudes that lead to the abuse. Sometimes it requires medicine for depression and so on.

When a woman, Khawla bint Tha'laba, came to the Prophet to ask his advice on having been thrown out of her house by her husband who was still following pagan laws and traditions, the Prophet told her that he had not been given specific edicts yet for such circumstances.

The woman supplicated God to send a revelation, and Allah SWT responded through the Angel Gabriel. The revelation disavowed the cruel practices that were under the old pagan laws of the Jahilliya that treated wives as property.

Al-Mujadilah (The Disputation) - 58:1

قَدْ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ قَوْلَ الَّتِي تُجَادِلُكَ فِي زَوْجِهَا وَتَشْتَكِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَسْمَعُ تَحَاوُرَكُمَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ (58:1)

Asad) Allah has indeed heard the words of her who pleads with thee concerning her husband, and complains Unto Allah. **[1]** And Allah does hear what you both have to say: **[2]** verily, Allah is all-hearing, all-seeing

In Surat Al Talaq, God decreed that there would be no woman cast out of her home (unless she committed an immoral act), and no divorce would be final until a cooling off period.

At-Talaq (The Divorce) - 65:1

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلِّفُوهُنَّ لِعِدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُّبَيِّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُحْدِثُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا
65:1))

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65:1 (**Asad**) O PROPHET! When you ^[1] [intend to divorce women, divorce them with a view to the waiting period appointed for them, ^[2] and reckon the period [carefully], and be conscious of God, your Sustainer. Do not expel them from their homes; ^[3] and neither shall they [be made to] leave ^[4] unless they become openly guilty of immoral conduct. ^[5] These, then, are the bounds set by God - and he who transgresses the bounds set by God does indeed sin against himself: [for, O man, although] thou knowest it not, after that [first breach] God may well cause something new to come about. ^[6] _

We hope that this opportunity to spread awareness will enable our brothers and sisters who are going through difficult times to reach out for help and recognize the signs to ensure a safer and more wholesome ummah for our future generations.

Oh Allāh forgive us our sins, and our transgressions, pardon our lapses, and make us from amongst the guided.

Oh Allāh give us happy lives, vibrant livelihoods, and make us couples whom between them is mercy and tranquility, and guide us to the best of practices.

Oh Allāh pardon those who have repented to you, and have turned away from abuse, and sought your forgiveness.

Oh Allāh, those who refuse to cease from their abuse, and do not repent, then deal with them.

Oh Allāh deal with those that transgress against their spouses and children, those that have transgressed your boundaries, and sinned against you.

Oh Allāh forgive us all, Muslim men and women, believing men and women, and make us from those that abide by your commands, and follow the guidance of your Messenger.