

Family 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

Al-A'raf (The Heights) - 7:189

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِّن نَّفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا

7:189 IT IS HE who has created you [all] out of one living entity, and out of it brought into being its mate, so that man might incline [with love] towards woman.

It cannot be imagined that one could lead a normal, steadfast human life if there was a complete destruction of the normal family structure.

A happy family which seeks stability and continuity builds its life on firm principles, the most important of which are:
the raising of children,
mutual respect of each other's rights,
courteousness in dealing with one another and
widening one's family's and one's own horizons.

Allah knows that a person can sometimes be affected by an atmosphere of disagreement and feelings of hate, and then Satan finds what he is looking for sought after for destruction of the existence of the family. The Qur'anic viewpoint was to purify the emotions and to return to life its clarity and to the family its beauty.

Allah says,

An-Nisa (The Women) - 4:19

وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُنَّ شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا
كَثِيرًا (4:19)

And live with them honourably. If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike a thing and Allah... brings through it a great deal of good

If the members of a family exchange love for stubbornness; and this is a [bad](#) sign and a defeated beginning; nothing can destroy a family as stubbornness and argument. Small disagreements can be blown out of all proportions and become huge [points](#) of stubbornness, and major disagreement.

Many researchers have determined that family breakdown is the main cause of juvenile delinquency; therefore the family is responsible for protecting itself from disunity before it experiences breakdown and ceases to function as a family unit. Also one cannot pretend that life is or should always be trouble-free; quite the opposite in fact; a normal healthy life will always have it's ups and downs.

Everything in this world no matter how insignificant has wisdom behind it and serves a purpose, so what is the role of the Muslim family?

In a Muslim community, the family plays several important roles, the most important being:

Increasing the progeny of the Muslim nation. The Prophet said, ***“Marriage is one of my traditions, and whoever does not follow my traditions is not one of us. So get married, for that way you will increase the nation (in strength and number).”*** (Ibn Maajah).

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.

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 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 westernisation and secularisation? Do members of the family gather together to learn the Qur'an? Or do they gather to watch acts of disobedience to Allah (i.e. on the television etc.)? 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 behaviour of the children, and in turn this will have a negative effect on the thoughts, structure and security of the community.

Parents will be asked about the fulfilment of their parental duties. *Ibn Umar* related that Prophet said, **“All of you are guardians and all of you are responsible for your wards. An imam is a guardian, and he is responsible for his wards (among the local community); a man is a guardian in his family and he is responsible for his dependants, a lady is a guardian in her husband's house and she is responsible for her charges (children, property under her control &c.)...”** (Bukhari & Muslim).

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.

(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.

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.

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?”

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.

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 مُّبِينَةٍ 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] _

- 1) Families formulate communities.
- 2) The importance of the family in Islaam.
- 3) The foundations needed to form a family.
- 4) Reasons for family breakup.
- 5) The mission and duty of the Muslim family.
- 6) The responsibility of the Muslim family.
- 7) The outcome of the Muslim family.
- 8) The campaign against the Muslim family.

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.