

PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S (PEACE BE UPON HIM) LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our obedience towards Allah the Almighty by doing everything that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. Hopefully, we will be blessed by Allah in this world and in the hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

To lead a happy life, human beings need love and affection. Children need a mother's love and parents also need the love of their children. Similarly, husbands and wives need love and affection from each other. Loving community members create an atmosphere of peace and harmony. It all begins with a happy home that is full of love and affection. To gain eternal love in our families we need to refer to Islamic guidelines as stated in the Quran in Chapter 30 (Surah al-Rum), verse 21:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا

وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

Yang bermaksud: *Dan antara tanda-tanda (yang membuktikan kekuasaan-Nya dan rahmat-Nya) bahawa Dia menciptakan untuk kamu isteri-isteri daripada jenis kamu sendiri, supaya kamu hidup bahagia dengannya dan dijadikan antara kamu (suami isteri) perasaan kasih sayang dan kasihan belas. Sesungguhnya yang demikian itu mengandungi keterangan-keterangan (yang menimbulkan kesedaran) bagi orang yang berfikir.*

Which means: *And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for people who give thought.*

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) explained that women should be educated continuously with great patience. A husband needs to lead his wife to be his best partner. Women in general have gentle characters. Therefore, violence will not produce any positive change in them but in fact it will destroy them. Husbands should emulate the way the Prophet (pbuh) interacted with his wives with great patience and calmness. He also helped his wives. The Prophet (pbuh) stressed that a man who serves his wife lovingly is the best man as mentioned in a *Hadith* which was narrated by al-Tirmizi:

خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ وَأَنَا خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِي

Which means: *"The best among you is the best (interaction) with his family and I am the best amongst you to my family members."*

Continuous loving guidance will create trust, confidence and love between a woman who is blessed with a gentle temperament towards her husband. The husband's integrity and calmness will make his wife calm and love him. This is the secret of harmony and happiness in a marriage.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), the best role model for us, has already shown the way to be tolerant in marriage. Although he was busy with great responsibilities to lead a nation and convey the message of Islam, he still had time to help with his household chores. He milked goats, he mended his own clothes, and did other housework. A *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam al-Bukhari reported an incident in which 'Aisha (the wife of the Prophet) was asked by a man named Aswad about what the Prophet (pbuh) did when he was in his house. 'Aisha replied:

Which means: *"The Prophet always helped his family to do housework. And when it was time for prayer, he came out to pray."*

Let us be exemplary husbands who follow the guidance of the Prophet (pbuh). Remember, the family is a gift and trust from Allah the Almighty. The role and responsibility to nurture a wife and children belong to the husband. Therefore, let us seek knowledge and increase our faith and good deeds.

The Prophet (pbuh) created harmony in his family by being sensitive to his family members' feelings and emotions. His friendly and gentle manners were shown through his jokes with his wives and his children. He also entertained them, forgave their mistakes, and smiled generously at his family members.

In a *Hadith* which was narrated by Ibn'Asakir, 'Aisha, said "Whenever the Prophet was with his wives, he was the most gentle and generous man who often laughed and smiled."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Marriage is not merely for fun but it is a trust from Allah the Almighty that should be borne jointly by a husband and wife. A culture of treating each family member with courtesy is crucial in order to win the children's hearts. Allah the Almighty encourages His servants to supplicate to Him as stated in the Quran in Chapter 25 (Surah al Furqan), verse 74:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا

لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

Which means: *And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلِكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي
هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلِكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.