

THE VIRTUES OF MARRIAGE IN ISLAM

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 عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَفْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، ائْتَقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Islamic law encourages its followers to marry as it is the fundamental institution in shaping life of a society. Allah the Almighty gives great rewards to those who marry as it is regarded as a form of ibadah and blessings.

Among the blessings of marriage is it gives peace and tranquility (*sakinah*). It also develops love (*mawaddah*) and forms love and affection

(*rahmah*) between spouses which creates happiness in the marriage . Allah the Almighty says in chapter 30 (Surah Ar-Rum) verse 21:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يُفَكِّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

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

Dear brothers and sisters

Islamic law makes marriage the most noble way of expanding progeny and maintaining the continuity of mankind. Allah says in chapter4 (surah al Nisa) verse 1:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا
رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ﴿٤﴾

Which means: *O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women.*

Only marriages between men and women are recognised by islamic law. Marriages of the same kind is illegal and strongly prohibited in Islam.

However, lately there are deviant-minded groups who fight for LGBTs and among them is to justify same sex marriages.

These deviant groups are extremely dangerous as they comprise of NGOs and some are supported by certain political groups that fight for human rights. Their agenda is capable of destroying Islamic beliefs (*aqidah*) and brings about discord to the family institution as well as destruction of mankind such as those that occurred to the people of prophet Lut Alaihissalam.

Dear brothers and sisters

It is *fitrah* (human trait) that men and women develop relationships. Marriage is the best solution to fulfill human passion in a lawful way. Marriage will protect us from committing sinful acts that are against our religion. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

وَفِي بُضْعِ أَحَدِكُمْ صَدَقَةٌ قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَيَأْتِي أَحَدُنَا شَهْوَتُهُ وَيَكُونُ لَهُ فِيهَا أَجْرٌ قَالَ أَرَأَيْتُمْ
لَوْ وَضَعَهَا فِي حَرَامٍ أَكَانَ عَلَيْهِ فِيهَا وَزْرٌ فَكَذَلِكَ إِذَا وَضَعَهَا فِي الْحَلَالِ كَانَ لَهُ أَجْرًا

Which means: *Intercourse with your wife is a charity. The companions said: "O Messenger of Allah! One of us fulfils his sexual desire and he is given a reward for that?" And he said, "Do you not see that were he to act upon it unlawfully, he would be sinning? Likewise if he acts upon it lawfully he will be rewarded."*

Dear brothers and sisters

To conclude, marriage can build strong cooperation between husband and wife, increase progeny of good backgrounds, foster bonds among relatives of the male and female spouse, etc. It creates quality family life that ultimately

produces successful families in the world and hereafter. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 25 (surah al Furqan) verse 74:

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