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**Creating A Blessed Environment Between Couples**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْفُرْقَانَ وَ أَيْدِ النَّاسِ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَ الْبَيَانَ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ شَهِدَ لِنَفْسِهِ  
الْوَحْدَانِيَّةَ وَ الْإِحْسَانَ وَ شَهِدَ بِهِمَا مَلَائِكَتُهُ وَ الثَّقَلَانِ، وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَ الرِّضْوَانِ ،  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ عَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ  
تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Beloved Friday Jemaah,

Let us strive together to increase our takwa to Allah s.w.t. Obey all of Allah's commands and abstain from His prohibitions to the best of our abilities. May we then become Allah's servants whom Allah is pleased with.

Brothers,

Last week, we spoke about the importance of the role played by the head of the family, especially in educating one's children. Today, I would like us to focus on the person whom Allah has

made as our companion. The person whom Allah has chosen for us, to share our joy and sorrow in marriage- our spouse. Allah says in Surah Ar-Ruum verse 21:

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

From this verse, we can tell that our wife is a blessing, a gift from Allah, a person who will remain by our side to get through the ups and downs of life together. Our wife is our source of tranquillity and the reason why we can achieve the serenity of life.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of every husband to care for and protect his wife, and ensure that her welfare is taken care of. As the head of the family, Islam stipulates that the husband must be the protector of his wife, and he must be kind to her. A loving husband and one who treats his wife well is very much liked by the Prophet s.a.w. Rasulullah s.a.w. said, which means: *“Maintain takwa to Allah in matters regarding women, verily you have taken them with trust from Allah and your*

*relationship have been made permissible with the word of Allah.” [Reported by Imam Muslim]*

Dear Jemaah,

It is clear that Islam commands the husband to treat his wife with grace and love. A true believer (mukmin) who knows his Creator will always be careful and will protect and care for his wife, whom he realizes is a gift and an amanah (trust) from Allah upon him.

Let us pay attention to several aspects of being gracious to our wives, as emphasised in Islam.

**First: Treating our wives well, and not to hurt her.**

If we look at the example of our beloved Rasulullah s.a.w., we will learn that he was never harsh toward his wives, and had NEVER hit any of his wives.

Hence, there is no reason for anyone to use physical violence on his wife, because the husband is supposed to be her protector, ensuring that the wife feels safe and at ease when she is with him. If the husband abuses the wife, does he deserve to be known as the protector of his family?

When this aspect of a relationship is neglected, physical aggression can also occur when the husband forces himself upon his wife, to the point that an act of intimacy becomes

painful and hurts the wife. Physical intimacy should strengthen the bond between the couple, not become a source of hate and pain.

Nabi s.a.w. reminded the husbands, regarding their wives, in a hadith reported by Abu Dawud, which means: *“Give them food from what you eat, clothe them from the clothes that you wear, and do not hurt them and do not vilify them.”*

### **Second: Be fair in fulfilling her rights and needs.**

One of the matters that is often repeated in the hadith of Rasulullah s.a.w. is the right of the wife and family members to an allowance or nafkah. Rasulullah s.a.w. said in a hadith reported by Muslim that the nafkah given to the wife and children is better than the charity given to free a slave or given to the poor.

Hence, when the husband does not want to give any nafkah, or the nafkah that is given is not sufficient to meet the needs of the wife, then it is a form of oppression within the family. Giving nafkah is the main obligation of a husband toward his wife. Remember jemaah, before we plan to use our money for other causes, make sure that the needs of our wife and children have been sufficiently met.

In fact, what is referred to as the “needs of a wife” extends beyond just the nafkah. It also includes her need to be in regular contact with her family and to have a healthy social life.

Any person would need to interact with others. Both husband and wife must be aware that even though our spouse is our lawful partner, but he or she is still the son or daughter to a father and mother. Thus, our spouse would need to interact and stay in touch with his or her family and friends, within Islamic guidelines.

Sometimes, due to baseless jealousy, there can be social aggression, which happens when the wife is trapped in the house and not allowed to go out, and there is no valid reason for preventing her from going out.

Furthermore, there is a religious and spiritual need to ensure that our family instils the love for Allah and Rasulullah s.a.w and to ensure that our wife and children seek knowledge about Islam.

**Third: The obligation to ensure that we provide an environment that is calm and far from any psychological or emotional stress.**

We believe that the one who bestows serenity and blessings in the family is Allah s.w.t. At the same time, every person has to strive to create a calm environment within one’s family. An environment that is far from peaceful can be the result of

constant fighting and arguments between the couple, a husband who is always angry or hurls verbal abuses that will hurt the wife.

There is a hadith reported by Imam Muslim, where Nabi s.a.w. did not allow the husbands to disturb and knock on the doors of their wives at night, did not allow to them to betray their wives and not to seek their faults. All these three can cause conflicts in the relationship, and lead to an unhappy marriage.

If there are matters that we do not like about our wives, do not use words that can hurt or harm her. Remember her sacrifices as she journeys through life with us. Be patient with her shortcomings because as human beings ourselves, we also have our weaknesses. We must accept her, just as she has accepted our shortcomings, and this is where the importance of mutual understanding based on mercy and compassion comes into play.

Brothers,

Everything that I have shared in this sermon pertains to the rights of the wife. It is a reminder and a guideline for all of us, to ensure that we guard the trust given to us by Allah.

Hopefully, we will be placed among the husbands who follow the sunnah of Rasulullah s.a.w in how we treat our wives. May our marriage remain harmonious, blessed with love and tranquillity. May our akhlak toward our wives be an example for

our sons, as to how they should treat their wives. And may our daughters marry men who will be kind to them, protect and love them, just as how we are kind to our wives and treat them well. Ameen, ya rabbal 'alaamin.

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