

# ‘The Righteous Wife Makes A Happy Home’

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إن الحمد لله نحمده و نستعينه و نستغفره و نعوذ بالله من شرور أنفسنا ومن سيئات أعمالنا، من يهده الله فلا مضل له ومن يضلل فلا هادي له. و أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله و أشهد أن محمدا عبده و رسوله.  
يأيها الذين ءامنوا اتقوا الله حق تقاته ولا تموتن إلا وأنتم مسلمون. يأيها الذين ءامنوا اتقوا ربكم الذي خلقكم من نفس واحدة وخلق منها زوجها وبث منهما رجالا كثيرا ونساء واتقوا الله الذي تساءلون به والأرحام إن الله كان عليكم رقيبا.

يأيها الذين ءامنوا اتقوا الله وقولوا قولا سديدا \*\* يصلح لكم أعمالكم ويغفر لكم ذنوبكم ومن يطع الله ورسوله فقد فاز فوزا عظيما.  
أما بعد، فإن أصدق الحديث كتاب الله وخير الهدى هدى محمد صلى الله عليه و سلم، و شر الأمور محدثاتها و كل محدثة بدعة وكل بدعة ضلالة وكل ضلالة في النار. أما بعد،

My brothers and sisters, we started a few weeks ago, a discussion and some khutub pertaining to the family, and to that which leads to a stable, happy and fruitful household and a happy marriage.

And that which we finish upon was the Hadith of the prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, where in he said in his Hadith reported by Imam Ahmad in his Musnad that

إذا صلت المرأة خمسها، وصامت شهرها، وحفظت فرجها، وأطاعت زوجها قيل لها: ادخلي الجنة من أي أبواب الجنة شئت

The prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that, "When a woman prays her five daily prayers and she fasts the month of Ramadan and that she preserves and protects her chastity by saving herself for her husband and she obeys him, it will be said to her on the Day of Yaumul Qiyamah "enter into paradise through whichever of the doors of Jannah that you please".

So here, Allah's messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم has stated with respect to the role of the woman, that if she fulfills the duties for which she was created, i.e that she prays and she fasts and she is obedient to her husband, she protects and she preserves her chastity, then she will enter into Jannah, and she can enter into Jannah through whichever of the gates of Jannah she chooses.

There are further affairs that the scholars and when one ponders over the Qur'an and Ahadith of Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم that you find many factors and many points of guidance upon wherein if a person implements them and a person were to carry them out, the home will be a pleasant place.

So, from the important affairs that build a happy home and a family that is sound and stable, which of course leads to a society that is cohesive, is that a wife and for that matter the husband of course, that the wife is a righteous woman, who is loving, she is caring, she takes care of her husband's needs, she serves him in the home, cultivates his children whilst he is out working and earning to provide for his family. And it occurs in a Hadith reported by Imam Muslim from Abdullah Bn 'Amr Ibn 'As رضي الله عنهما that the Prophet, that stated صلى الله عليه وسلم

وعن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص رضي الله عنهما أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "الدنيا متاع، وخير متاع الدنيا المرأة الصالحة" ((رواه مسلم)).

“The Dunya is but merchandise and the best of the merchandise of the Dunya is to have a righteous wife”.

And In an Hadith collected by Imam Nasaai' رحمه الله صلى الله عليه و سلم was asked a question:

عن أبي هريرة الله رضي الله عنه سئل رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: أي النساء خير؟ قال: «التي تسره إذ نظر، وتطيعه إذا أمر، ولا تخالفه في نفسها وماله بما يكره» [رواه النسائي].

that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was asked “which of the Women are the best?”.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "the Woman that makes the husband happy when he looks at her and she obeys him when he commands her and she does not go against his wishes with respect to herself and her wealth".

The Messenger of Allah provides us with ingredients for a happy home and he gives the womenfolk indications and guidance with respect to what is

expected from them. They are to be righteous, caring, loving such that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said in an Hadith collected by Bukhari and Muslim that, "it is not permitted for a woman to fast a voluntary fast whilst her husband is present except with his permission, and she does not allow anyone to enter his home except with his permission".

Imam Nawawi stated that the reason for this is that the husband has a right to seek pleasure from his wife on any day from the days. And his right becomes obligatory when he seeks it and his right does not fall away due to his wife performing the voluntary acts of worship and it is not based upon how she wills.

Meaning, my brothers and sisters, a Woman that is righteous and pious, and she wishes to aid her husband, and likewise, the husband in response to her good conduct and her good behaviour, that likewise he is kind to her, the prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said "The best of you are those who are best to their wives".

So, one is commanded to be good to his wife. But the affair likewise revolves around the care and the

concern that the wife shows her husband, that she fulfills her duties to Allah with the prayer and the fasting, guarding her chastity; and the woman named, that she covers her Awrah when she leaves the home. She behaves in a manner that displays to everyone that she is a woman of honour and respect, that she does not display herself like the women of Jahiliyyah used to display themselves. That she does not seek, as 'Āishah رضي الله عنها said, Abdullah Bn Abbās sought permission to see her and she was upon her deathbed and she was in severe pain and she was dying, in her final days, ummul mu'minīn رضي الله عنها, she said No! I will prefer not to, because I know that he will praise me and extol my virtue and I don't want to hear that. So It was said to her, 'but this is Ibn 'Abbaas, he is the cousin of Rasulullah . 'صلى الله عليه وسلم'. So then she relented and she said, let him come. So, he entered and said to her; how are you my mother? She said; I am good so long as I fear Allah and I'm dutiful to Him. He said; “Why would you not be in a good state as you are the wife of the Messenger of Allah and you are the one from all of his wives who was a virgin when he married you and you are the one for

whom a verse from the Qur'an was revealed to free from blame". And after that, he left. And then, her nephew Abdullah Bn Zubayr رضي الله عنهما, entered upon her and she said to him; Abdullah Bn Abbaas, he just visited me and he praised me and I did not like that for by Allah I wish I could die as one who is anonymous, unknown, and one who is hidden from the sights.

This is a righteous woman, a righteous wife. A righteous mother to the Ummah, Umm-ul-Mumineen, 'Aaisha رضي الله عنها! There is much -my brothers and sisters- that we can learn from the guidance of Allah's messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and how the women were in the time of Allah's messenger, even at the time of their death (radiyallahu anhunna).

Likewise, there occurs in that which we mentioned, from Imām Nawawi رحمه الله تعالى, he said that, "This is because the wife does not fast (i.e supererogatory fasts) unless she seeks permission from her husband, because her husband has rights over her and he may ask for those rights, so when he asks for those rights, she is not allowed to delay them".

Imam Bukhari and Muslim reported from Ai'shah رضي الله عنها, that she said that "sometimes, I miss the days of fasting in the month of Ramadan because of Women and their cycles, their periods (Menstruation), so she misses some of the days of the month of Ramadan due to that and she said but I could not make them up except in the month of Sha'aban", meaning she would delayed in making up of her fasting in one Ramadan up until the eleventh months later, a month before next Ramadan. The sub-narrator Yahya رحمه الله, he said, "that was because she was serving the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم meaning that she was ready to serve the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that she was busy in that regard, so she would delay that which was obligatory from the month of Ramadan up until 11 months later in the month before the next Ramadan, because throughout the previous months she was serving her husband; the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم.

So, my advice to my sisters, is that you are to emulate, copy and take the example of the righteous women who preceded you. In that, there lies



happiness in your homes. Being dutiful to your husbands and being prepared to serve him and to busy yourself with the household, this is from the most important of your purposes in this world. That you worship Allah سبحانه وتعالى and you establish the prayer, that you fast in the month of Ramadan and you do so dutifully so that you may become pious. And you guard your honour, preserve your chastity, that you do not allow anyone into the home except with the permission of your husband. That you're a Woman who is known to preserve the honour and respect and nobility of yourself, your husband and your family so that your husband looks upon you with pride as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said when he was asked “which of the women are best?. He said, the one when he looks at her, he becomes happy”.

Are you from those Women when your husband looks at you, he becomes happy? Likewise, as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم stated that the best of the merchandise of the Dunya is to have a wife who is righteous. Do you find that righteousness in you? Because these are the commands of Allah and his messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم. They are not from the inventions of the

people. For the Messenger of Allāh صلى الله عليه وسلم whatever he uttered was from Allah Subhaanahu wa ta'aala. Do you not wish to be from those women who stand on Yaumul Qiyamah and she is asked about her prayer and you prayed. You are asked about your fasting and you fasted. You are asked about your chastity and you are honourable with regards to your chastity. You are asked with regards to obedience and you are obedient as the Prophet said to the Woman who visited him, and He said to her, How are you with regards to your husband. She said, I do everything that I am physically capable of, He said beware for indeed your spouse is a gate or a doorway to your Paradise or a doorway to Hell fire.

Be aware with regards to the cultivation of your daughters, that the mother is the best examples to her daughter, because if she ends up in a difficult situation and she ends up in hardship and she follows the examples of a poor mother or poor parenting, then you are damaging Bārakallāh Fīkum, the future of your own offspring, because if you are a bad example, they will follow that bad example. Rather, you as parents should follow the example of

the Prophet **صلى الله عليه وسلم** so that your sons and daughters follow the same example, so that our societies are communities are societies and communities that are righteous and pious. So that woman, when she is asked on Yaumul Qiyamah with regards to her prayer, fasting, honour, chastity, obedience to her husband and all of those questions that she was a person who fulfill them. Then, Allah will say to her, “enter into Jannah, choose whichever of the doors of Jannah that you please and enter, Jannah is for you”.

This is the reason why you are obedient, my Sisters. This is the reason why you're honourable, and maintain your chastity and you wear your Hijab. This is the reason! Because on that Day, neither your wealth nor your children will be able to aid you. On that day, it is these things, your deeds, your chastity, your piety and your honour and obedience to your husband or your father and your obedience to Allah and His messenger, these are the things that will aid you so that you'll enter into Jannah through whichever of the doors of Jannah that you please. May Allah Subhaanahu wa ta'aala make us from

those who will enter into Jannah through any of the doors of Jannah that we please.

Walhamdulillah rabbul 'aalameen, wa sallallahu 'ala Muhammad wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi ajma'een.

From those affairs that our Sisters need to pay heed to is that the Sister, that she is not to leave the home except with the permission of her Husband, or her Father or her Mother even if you want to go to the Masjid. Imam Bukhari and Muslim reported from Abdullah Ibn Umar (May Allāh be pleased with them) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that; if your Womenfolk seek your permission to go to the Masjid at night for the evening prayers, then give them permission to go. So here, Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم has mentioned that if they seek your permission to go to the Masjid in the evening, meaning that it is established that the Women are to seek permission even for the masjid, then what about for lesser than that! And then Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم that he directed the men are not to forbid their Women, because he said if they seek permission from you, then give them permission to go to the masjid in the evening.

Meaning that if she wishes to go to the Masjid, she can't just open the door and leave and wait till he said; where are you going, (and you said) well I'm going to the Masjid because you can't forbid me. The fact is Bārakallāh Fīkum, that Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم that he established this permission upon that she's to seek, “if your Women seek your permission to go to the Masjid then give them the permission to go.”.

Ibn Hajar رحمه الله cited from Imam Nawawi رحمه الله that he said, ‘it is understood from this Hadith that women should not leave the home of her Husband unless she has permission to do so.’. So the affair of seeking permission or the affair of giving permission, it rests with the husband. And of course from the Hadith of Allah’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم where he said, “Do not prevent the Females servant of Allah from the houses of Allah even though their homes are better for them.”. Meaning that the women should not be prevented from going to the house of Allah if they wish to go there for worship and for Ibaadah and to strengthen their Iman even though their homes are better for them. So, the issue of permission stands with the husband but the husband should not

prevent them, so the husband is commanded not to prevent the womenfolk from attending the Masjid. Nevertheless, the wives and the daughters they must seek his (their father or their husband) permission. They should seek for their husband's permission because there may be reasons he may know of, that cause him to prevent her, such as, danger upon the street, or there may be violence or there may be some sort of dangers specific to the woman in terms of sexual violence that may be carried out against her, or that if she goes to the Masjid, the Masjid is for the Ahlu Bid' iah, and he knows that they are giving lectures and those lectures are given by ahlul bid'ah, so he prevents her because 'those shubuhaat (confusions) will enter you and you will be caused to have doubts in your religion.', so he prevents her... or that there are duties, like Shaykh Fawzaan hafidhahullah mentioned, It may also be that there are duties in the home that needs to be fulfilled; maybe she has very young children that need to be breastfed, or there are chores that are her duties or things that cannot be neglected, so they need to be fulfilled before she leaves; or that she is not dressed properly as

occurred in the time after the death of Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم with one of the Sahabah-Hudayfah رضي الله عنه. He saw a woman and she was perfumed, he said: where are you going? She said, "I'm going to the Masjid." He said, 'go back home and wash this off yourself (i.e wash the fragrance off your body) because the women are forbidden from going to the Masjid perfumed or dressed inappropriately.'

Shaykh al-Islam, Ibn Taymiyyah rahimahullah ta'aala stated in his explanation of the Hadith

أستوصوا بالنساء خيرا فإنما هن عوان عندكم

that the Prophet said, "Treat your women well, i.e, with goodness and kindness for indeed they are like captives with you". The Hadith was reported in the Sunan Imam Tirmidhi.

So, shaykhul Islam, he said, the woman with her husband is made resemblant (in this Hadith) to a servant or to a captive under his care and responsibility. Therefore, she should not leave her home unless she seeks his permission or the permission of her father or her mother or someone else that is in a position over her as responsibility

and this is known **بإتفاق الأئمة**; this is known by the agreement of the scholars.

And my brothers and sisters, you know for yourselves, because you see that you are living in a society where many of these principles, and many of these rules and many of these points of guidance are flouted and they are ignored, and the result of that is a chaotic society; a society that does not concern itself with its own welfare, and you see the result in chaos. When women are encouraged to break free from their husbands, in fact, they're encouraged not to get married. "Don't get married. How old are you? 'Thirty-one.' You're too young, wait... How old are you? 'Twenty-seven.' You're too young, don't get married. How many men have you been with?" So they want the women to have multiple partners before they marry so they may marry the right one, as they say. So they're encouraged to dress as they please such that if a woman dresses among the non-Muslims in a modest manner, they say to her, 'What do you think you are? A nun?', that they mock her. They encourage them to dress inappropriately and to act as they please,



drink and get drunk and behave as you want without any honour. That you behave in a manner that's almost like, worst than the beasts in fact because the beasts don't even behave like that. And they encourage with this through advertising on social media that they work wherever they want in whatever profession they want. Such that even women who are in prostitution, that they have safe zones where they can prostitute their bodies.

This is the society that we live in and then they're encouraged to sleep with who they wish and when they get pregnant, then do with their pregnancy what they wish; abort it or keep it.

So my brothers and sisters that when one ponders over society, there are just four affairs that we looked at and the remedies were looked at, then you'll find that these four remedies are a cure to chaotic and anarchic society. A society that no longer has any boundaries, where women are not protected, rape is on the increase, child abuse is in the increase, domestic violence is on the increase, refugees for women are on the increase and they want more and more of them because women are getting battered

in their homes by their partners, and more care homes for children. So, there are four remedies for this increasingly chaotic and anarchic society:

1. Islam- Learn Islām,, adopt it and practice it.
2. Protect your chastity and remain celibate until you are married and have children.
3. Women, marry men who work and provide for you so that you don't have to leave the home; and men, marry women who will build the home and both of you work to cultivate the children.
4. Raise your children upon that same methodology.

These are the remedies and if they are not taken on board, then you will see the chaos and the hardships and the corruption and the criminality in the society only increase. Islam offers the cure, stable family offers the cure, cultivating children offers the cure, marriage offers the cure, protecting your chastity and remaining celibate until you are married offers the cure. So, pay attention Bārakallāh Fīkum, and let us

protect our families and communities from the traps of Shaytaan.

Walhamdulillah rabbul 'aalameen, wa sallallahu 'ala Muhammad wa 'ala aalihi wa sahbihi ajma'een.

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