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Lesson 3



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The Ideal Marriage

- Before we address the specific rights of husbands and wives, it is helpful to first understand the ideal marriage from an Islamic perspective.
- Once we understand what constitutes an ideal marriage, we will gain a deeper appreciation of the respective rights of each spouse

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وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ
بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً

And among His signs is that He created mates for you from among yourselves, that you might find rest in them, and He established affection and mercy between you...” Quran 30:21

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- According to this verse, God has established two qualities that should govern the relationship between a husband and wife:
 - 1. Affection مودة
 - 2. Mercy رحمة

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- **1. Affection** مودة is when love manifests itself through action. Love originates in the heart which is hidden. The moment it reveals itself through behavior and action, we call it مودة

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إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيُؤْجَرُ فِي رَفْعِ اللَّقْمَةِ إِلَى فِي امْرَأَتِهِ

“Verily the man who lifts a morsel of food to his wife's mouth is well rewarded.”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

-Source: Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 122

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- **2. Mercy** الرحمة is to show compassion or forbearance especially to someone who has offended or wronged you. It is also to give without expectation.

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اتقوا الله في الضعيفين: اليتيم والمرأة، فإن خياركم خياركم لأهله

“Fear God in relation to the two vulnerable ones: Orphans and women. For indeed the best of you are those who are best to their families.”-
Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Mustadrak Safeenat al-Bihar, v. 1, p. 44

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مَا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ تَسْقِي زَوْجَهَا شَرْبَةَ مَاءٍ إِلَّا كَانَ خَيْرًا لَهَا مِنْ سَنَةِ صِيَامٍ
نَهَارَهَا وَقِيَامَ لَيْلِهَا

“A woman's quenching of her husband's thirst with a glass of water is better for her than a whole year spent fasting during the day and praying at night.”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

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- **3. Live with them honorably and kindly**

وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

“And live with them in kindness.” Quran 4:19

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وَلَا تُضَارُّوهُنَّ لِتُضَيِّقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ

“...and do not harm them so as to put them in straits...” Quran 65:6

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- 4. Help each other

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَّكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَّهُنَّ

“They are garments for you and you are garments for them.” Quran 2:187

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- If your spouse is overburdened, lend them a helping hand.

يا علي لا يخدم العيال إلا صديق أو شهيد أو رجل يريد الله به خير
الدنيا والآخرة

“O Ali! No one serves his family except for a truthful one, a martyr or a man whom God wishes goodness in this life and the hereafter.” –

Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Mustadrak al-Wasail, v. 13, p. 49

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أَيُّمَا امْرَأَةٍ رَفَعَتْ مِنْ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا شَيْئًا مِنْ مَوْضِعٍ إِلَى مَوْضِعٍ تَرِيدُ بِهِ
صَلَاحًا إِلَّا نَظَرَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهَا ، وَمَنْ نَظَرَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ لَمْ يَعْذِبْهُ

“Any woman who so much as moves something from one place to another in her husband's house with the intention of improving it is regarded with mercy by Allah, and whoever Allah regards [with mercy] He does not punish.”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 251

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- **5. Patience and forbearance**

مَنْ صَبَرَتْ عَلَى سُوءِ خُلُقِ زَوْجِهَا أَعْطَاهَا مِثْلَ (ثَوَابِ) آسِيَةَ بِنْتِ مُزَاهِمٍ

“She who patiently tolerates her husband's bad character will be rewarded equivalent to the reward granted to Asiya bint Muzahim [Pharaoh's wife].”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

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مَنْ صَبَرَ عَلَى سَوْءِ خُلُقِ امْرَأَتِهِ وَاحْتَسَبَهُ ، أَعْطَاهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِكُلِّ يَوْمٍ وَلَيْلَةٍ
يَصْبِرُ عَلَيْهَا مِنَ الثَّوَابِ مَا أُعْطِيَ أَيُّوبَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى بَلَاءِهِ

'Whoever patiently tolerates and puts up with his wife's bad character, for every day and night God will grant him the same reward as granted to Prophet Job (a) for enduring his afflictions,...'-
Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Thawab al-Amal,p. 339

The Rights of the Wife

وأما حق الزوجة فأن تعلم أن الله عز وجل جعلها لك سكناً وأنسا
فتعلم أن ذلك نعمة من الله عليك فتكرمها وترفق بها، وإن كان حقك
عليها أوجب فإن لها عليك أن ترحمها لأنها أسيرك وتطعمها
وتكسوها وإذا جهلت عفوت عنها.

The Rights of the Wife

“The right of your wife is that you know that God has made her a repose and a comfort for you; you should know that she is God's favor toward you, so you should honor her and treat her gently. Though her right toward you is more incumbent, you must treat her with compassion, since she is your prisoner whom you feed and clothe. If she is ignorant, you should pardon her.”- Imam al-Sajjad (a)

The Rights of the Wife

- 1. Maintenance النفقة
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Shelter
- The quality of these items must be in accordance to what is normally given to a woman of her social status

The Rights of the Wife

- 2. Intimacy الوصال
- Traditional jurists maintain that a wife is entitled to sexual intercourse with her husband a minimum of once every 4 months
- Some contemporary scholars have argued that a woman's right to sex is equal to a man's right.

The Rights of the Wife

خلق الله الشهوة عشرة أجزاء فجعل تسعة أجزاء في النساء وجزءاً واحداً في الرجال ولولا ما جعل الله فيهن من الحياء على قدر أجزاء الشهوة لكان لكل رجل تسع نساء متعلقات به

“God created sexual desires in ten parts; then He gave nine parts to women and one to men. If God had not given them modesty in proportion to desire, there would be nine women clinging onto each man.”- Imam Ali (a)

The Rights of the Husband

أَعْظَمُ النَّاسِ حَقًّا عَلَى الْمَرْأَةِ زَوْجُهَا ، وَأَعْظَمُ النَّاسِ حَقًّا عَلَى الرَّجُلِ أُمُّهُ ﷺ

“The person with the greatest right over a woman is her husband, and the person with the greatest right over a man is his mother.”-

Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Kanz al-Ummal, hadith 33771

The Rights of the Husband

- **1. Intimacy** الإستمتاع
 - Wife is not allowed to deny her husband intimacy without a legitimate reason (e.g illness)
 - Wife is not allowed to delay intimacy.

The Rights of the Husband

خَيْرُ نِسَائِكُمُ الَّتِي إِذَا دَخَلَتْ مَعَ زَوْجِهَا خَلَعَتْ دِرْعَ الْحَيَاءِ

“The best woman among you is the one who discards the armor of shyness when she undresses for her husband.”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

Source: Wasail al-Shia, v. 14, p. 14-15

The Rights of the Husband

ان امرأة أتت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله لبعض الحاجة فقال لها :
لعلك من المسوفات قالت : وما المسوفات يا رسول الله قال : المرأة التي
يدعوها زوجها لبعض الحاجة فلا تزال " تنزل خ " تسوفه حتى ينعس
زوجها فينام فتلك التي لا تزال الملائكة يلعنها حتى يستيقظ زوجها

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“A woman came to the Prophet for a personal issue and the Prophet asked her, “Are you among the delayers? She asked what is a delayer? He said, ‘A woman who is summoned by her husband [for intimacy] and she delays until he falls asleep. Such a woman is cursed by the angels until her husband awakes...”- Imam al-Sadiq (a)

- Source: Wasail al-Shia, v. 14, 117

The Rights of the Husband

- **2. Grant permission to leave the house**

وَلَا تَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ

“She should not leave his house without his permission.”- Prophet Muhammad (s)

The Rights of the Husband

- The husband has no other rights over his wife.
- Wife is not obligated to cook, clean etc