

- ⊕ The best wife is one with whom her husband is pleased with and is also obedient to him. (Al-Nasa'i)
- ⊕ Angels keep cursing a woman who is upset with her husband and spends the night separately from him, until she compromises with him. (Bukhari)
- ⊕ Allah has forbidden you from disobeying your mother and from not fulfilling her rights. (Bukhari)
- ⊕ A woman is delicate like a rib. If you try to straighten it, it would break. You could derive benefit out of her despite her shortcomings. (Bukhari)
- ⊕ Girls who have been taken good care of by parents will be a source of protection to them from hell fire. (Muslim)
- ⊕ A righteous wife is the best blessing amongst the blessings in the world. (Al-Nasa'i)
- ⊕ The best amongst you are those who are best to your wives. The wife is the caretaker of her husband's house. (Bukhari)

**Opinions of Modern-day Researchers and Philosophers.**

- ⊖ Arranged marriages are based on strong footings.
- ⊖ Love marriages are often not successful.
- ⊖ Careless and commanding type of parents, spoil their children. Parents who love and care instill a sense of self-confidence in their children.
- ⊖ The house where both husband and wife go out to work is on an unstable footing.
- ⊖ Where the earning of a wife is more than that of her husband, that house is also on an unstable footing.
- ⊖ Infants who had good suckling from their mothers grow up to be more courageous and self-confident.

- ⊖ Parents are the first role models for their children.
- ⊖ Children who play with their toys grow up in a healthy way.
- ⊖ If children are frequently criticized and are addressed with offending nicknames, they would grow up to be rebellious.

**Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Karnataka**, is observing out a 15 day campaign "**Let us make our homes Islamic**" from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, throughout the state of Karnataka with the following objectives:

- ❖ To highlight the true concept of a happy home in the light of the teachings of Al-Qur'an and Sunnah.
- ❖ To propagate moral values.
- ❖ To spread awareness about rules and guidelines on family life.
- ❖ To spread awareness about making our homes 'Islamic'.

We invite you to participate in the activities of the campaign and make our homes happy and Islamic, Insha' Allah.



*"Our Lord, grant us from our wives and our offspring comfort to our eyes, and make us Leaders of the righteous."*

(Chapter:25, Verse:74)

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## A HAPPY FAMILY

The first environment for a child when it opens its eyes in this world is its home. The child's home plays a key role in its overall development. Therefore, it is very important that our homes provide a morally sound and happy environment.

A family is established when a man and a woman come together through marriage. Generally while choosing a bride, parameters like beauty, wealth, education and family background are given priority over Taqwa (God-consciousness). As a result of this, such a family would not be a successful and happy one. Likewise, if Taqwa (God-consciousness), dignity and hard-working nature are overlooked during selection of the bridegroom, the resulting family would be based on a weak foundation.

If the formation of a family is based on Islamic principles & guidelines, Allah (swt) will bless the members of such a family with mutual love, care and self-sacrifice. In such a family, the members overlook minor shortcomings and irritants of one another in the larger interest of the family and to seek the pleasure of Allah (swt). A husband would strive to provide the material needs of the family, while the wife strives to keep the family together by looking after the needs of the family and home.

Blessed is that home where a daughter-in-law and her mother-in-law care for each other and have mutual understanding. The daughter-in-law would strive to gain from the experience of her mother-in-law. Likewise, the mother-in-law would also give her daughter-in-law the love of a mother. Each one would overlook the shortcomings of the other in the greater interest of their home.

A house that echoes with the sound of playful children brings along happiness to the entire family. A family where brothers and sisters love

and care for each other is a blessed one.

Now let us take stock of the existing situation in our Muslim society. If the basis of selecting the bride is her beauty & wealth, sooner or later the husband might start complaining that his wife is not obedient to him and that she starts arguing on every minor issue. Likewise, if the basis for selecting a groom is his looks and materialistic status, the wife might start complaining that the husband is not a caring and loving one. This dispute between husband and wife might spill out in public, thereby increasing the misunderstanding between the two. A house that experiences frequent fights between its members like husband and wife, daughter-in-law and mother-in-law etc, leaves a bad scar in the minds of all inhabitants. This environment in a family gives birth to psychological distress. Children who grow up in such an unhealthy environment would continue to live with this mindset. This also breeds mistrust and enmity between the family members. Ultimately, this would result in severing ties between the family members leading to separation. This might even involve knocking at the doors of courts with civilian or criminal cases.

The Holy Qur'an and Sunnah provide principles (given below) that guide us to strengthen the bond within a family.

### **Guidelines from the Holy Quran:**

- ☞ Fear Allah in whose name you demand your mutual rights and desist from breaking ties with relatives. (Chapter4, Verse1)
- ☞ Men are the protectors and maintainers of women. (Chapter4, Verse 34)
- ☞ Pay-off the women their 'Meher' (Bridal money) willingly. (Chapter4, Verse4)
- ☞ Do not marry unbelieving women (idolaters) until they believe. A slave woman who believes (in Allah alone) is

better than an unbelieving woman, even though she pleases you (Chapter2, Verse 221)

- ☞ Women have rights (over their husbands as regards living expenses, etc.) similar (to those of their husbands) over them (as regards obedience and respect, etc.) to what is reasonable, but men have a degree (of responsibility) over them. (Chapter2, Verse 228)
- ☞ The mothers shall give suck to their children for two whole years. (Chapter2, Verse233)
- ☞ You be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honor. And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: 'My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small'.(Chapter17, Verse 23,24)
- ☞ O believers, save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is men and stones. (Chapter66, Verse6)
- ☞ Our Lord, grant us from our wives and our offspring comfort to our eyes, and make us leaders of the righteous. (Chapter25, Verse74)
- ☞ Do good to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, neighbours who are relatives and who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and those (slaves) whom your right hands possess. Verily, Allah does not like the arrogant and boastful. (Chapter 4, Verse 36)

### **Guidelines from the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)**

- ☞ Man is responsible for taking care of his family members and woman is responsible for taking care of the house and children. (Bukhari)