

In the name of Allah, the most gracious the most merciful  
Peace and blessing be up on the messenger who was sent only to be the mercy for the entire creations.

My dear brothers and sisters, ASAWW

Allah SWT the almighty has determined the rights of man and women on one another and the right of one becomes the duty on the other therefore, the most beloved prophet (peace and blessing be up on him) said: "Don't you know that there are duties upon your wife towards you and upon you also are the duties of your wife?"

We can divide the wife's rights over her husband into financial, and non-financial

The first expectant is the right of a financial:

A dowry and alimony as well as the right of a funding on daily basis is an agreed condition on the couple marriage contract which is the fixed rights for women.

Section 1 the completion of the full dowry

The dowry is the money that a husband must give to his wife with the niqah (consent of a marriage), and it indicates that he is legitimately married.  
Allah SWT tells us in surat an Nsia verse 4

"Give the women upon marriage their bridal gift graciously" then again in the verse 25, Allah SWT says: "Give them their due compensation according to what is acceptable"  
The reason for the reward is the dowry and the dowry is an ultimate right of a women and no one has the right in it including the husband or his family to take away the dowry without her consent.....

Allah SWT tells us in surat An Nisa verse 20

If you want to replace one wife with another and you have given one of them a great amount (in gift) do not take back from her anything- If you take it then its would be injustice and manifest sins.

Section 2 spending on the wife

These are the rights of a woman which her husband must abides to: the husband must provide all provisions to his wife, the estimated provisions such as foods, clothing, accommodation as much as he can afford it.

As Allah SWT tells us in surat At Talaq verse 6 and 7

Lodge them in a section where you dwell out of your means and do not harm them in order to oppress them.

Then he says:

Let a man of wealth spend from his wealth and he whose provision is restricted -let him spend from what Allah has given him. Allah does not charge a soul except what they are capable of give.

The most beloved prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) had answered when he was asked about the rights of a wife over her husband. The husband must feed his wife from the food that he has and provide her with clothing which he can afford.

The second expectant right of a woman is none financial and they are as follow:

1) sleeping together: this must be in the best way possible and according to what a woman can do or ready in terms of being fit both physically and mentally.

As Allah SWT tells us in surat An Nissa verse 19:

Live and be with them in kindness

The instruction in the above verse becomes compulsory and the prophet (peace be up on him) also said : Treat woman with respect and kindness..

The importance of the above verse and what the beloved prophet (pbuh) said: are both the same and re-iterating the fact that woman ought to be treated with fairness, kindness, and respects and it is unlawful to do otherwise!

Our beloved prophet (pbuh) said, in his final advice to all the humanity that “the best of you are those who are good to their wives, respect them and treat them in kindness and I am good to my wives.

The philosophy behind all these are to maintain a well structured family which its foundation is based on understanding one another, and practiced respect and dignities between the husband and wife.

There is no doubt that the disrespect in the marriage such as communication issues, anger towards one another and stop seeing each other will certainly put a barrier between them and “live with them in kindness” as Allah the almighty has instructed in the Surah An Nlissa verse 19 would get violated and ignored!

So that the right of dowry and alimony will be fulfilled in such circumstances, and she should not be accused of committing sin without any justifications, therefore a wife should be able to say that she is not rude or gross and so she does not show any inclination to other.

2) right of a woman by her husband is the grooming, shaking, playing and observing the wife

Aisha (may Allah bless her soul) reports that when she was accompanying our beloved prophet (PBUH) he used to race with the mother of believer.

Has anyone of us did such a thing? Inviting your wife to race or run with you to see who run fastest?!

3) the aspect of maintaining good relationship with your wife’s family, speaking to them and listening to them. Ibn Kathir narrates from the beloved prophet (pbuh) who said, our beloved prophet would meet his wives, eat with them together and spend good time with them until everyone goes to their places. If the time is after Isha and they have prayed Isha he would then enter their houses and carrying on the talk in the best manner.

4) To defraud some of the wife's defects: The prophet (PBUH) would cover up for their wives mistakes, shortfalls and misunderstanding as long as they have not crossed an Islamic boundaries

5) Not revealing her secret: the prophet (PBUH) says the worse of you in the day of judgment are those who reveals the secret of their wives and shortfalls

6) The suspicion of your wives: As Allah SWT tells us in surat Al Hujurat verse 12  
Oh you who believed , avoid doubting as some doubts are sin.

7) helping your wife with the household duties such as help with cleaning ,washing and cooking especially during the time where you wife is pregnant and unable to work. our beloved prophet (pbuh) had done all household duties for his wives so really , it would not be shameful for us to do so if we call ourselves to be the followers of our prophet!

May allah help us to be amongst of those who follow the correct path of our prophet -  
Ameen

