

All praise and thanks is due to Allah

Honourable guests of the house of Allah, every one of us is searching for a quarrel free and prosperous home. A home that doesn't break, but mends and is healing to our hearts. A home where we find comfort for our souls. A home that we find matches with this verse from Allah.

“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.” Translation of Ar-Rum 21.

All of us are searching for a home that will be as best as it can be for bringing up the next generation. What is this home? What are its principal foundations? And how do we achieve this? What good is a home if it brings the thought of darkness and the like of a prison? Remember that a prosperous home is a favour from Allah as He High and Mighty States

“And Allah has made for you from your home's a place of rest (comfort).”
Translation of An-Nahl 80

One of the favours that we have been blessed with in this busy world is the comfort of family. Honourable guests, if you want to have a home with comfort and tranquillity, then remember Allah abundantly in it. One of the biggest losses is that those whom you have authority over or those whom you have been entrusted with, fail in receiving Jannah (paradise). As Allah High and Mighty States

“Say (O Muhammad SAW): "The losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Verily, that will be a manifest loss!"
Translation of Az-Zumar 15

Partnership, as in husband and wife is not just a worldly thing to do with accumulating wealth and passing time. It is not a worldly thing to do with whims and desires. It is something that is a lot more sacred and meaningful. It's a partnership to do with the soul and even after death the righteous will meet again in the Paradise of Allah with His Mercy and live forever in tranquillity and this is what we aspire for.

As Allah Most High States

“Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate, [saying], "Peace be upon you for what you patiently endured. And excellent is the final home." Translation Ar-Ra'd 23-24.

Building a prosperous home is a responsibility on both parents. Like we said, this is achieved by coming back to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (saw) and establishing it in our daily lives. If this is done, then the home will naturally shine and you will be able to see its fruits in the children that you raise.

Honoured guests, there are conditions that need to be fulfilled to achieve this. From its conditions is that both husband and wife need to be on the same creed in their religion and never break the lines set by Allah. They should not work towards dissolving and diluting the fitra (natural disposition) of the children. Because, if the parents have differences the children will pick up on this and rebel.

Abu Huraira, narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "Every child is born with a true faith (i.e. to worship none but Allah Alone) but his parents convert him to Judaism or to Christianity or to Magainism." Sahih al-Bukhari 1358

Brothers and sisters, from the greatest importance of an Islamic household is raising the children on the foundations of Islam. Raising children has to be done with good and beautiful deeds and manners. A beautiful example has to be set for them to try and aspire to. You also have to be a good example in action and in speech. So when you tell your child that he/she cannot lie, they must not have seen any lies from you. When you call the child to high standards of character, at the same time this has to be seen in you. When you invite the child to offer the Salah, then you must also perform the Salah. There must not be any hypocrisy in your teachings.

When differences are seen, then it is a must that we return to the Speech of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (saw).

Allah the All Wise States

“(And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger (SAW), if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination.” Translation of An-Nisa 59.

My dear brothers and sisters, if you want a good relationship with your family then be soft, be quick to forgive and forget. You will not find the human without mistakes or shortcomings, so if you pick on every mistake then you will not prosper. The walls will become narrower. It is not for the man to treat his wife like a servant and take away her rights in the relationship. In return, the wife cannot be in denial of the rights that the husband has over her. She cannot complain and ask why she doesn't have what her friends have. This, a lot of time is the cause of rifts between husband and wife. Be grateful for what Allah has given you.

Brothers and sisters, a prosperous household is one where both husband and wife deliver on their work and also work as partners. They should not be the last person to see and appreciate what the other has done, but the first to thank and praise each other. Another thing that can cause rifts is one party being disrespectful to the others parents or family. One of the ways that the marriage is prosperous is in respecting of each other's parents and family members. One cannot demand respect for his or her own when she or he doesn't show the same level of respect to the others side. Remember we said it has to be equal on both sides. We have to give a great deal of importance to the respect of each other's parents.

The last point my brothers and sisters, is that whatever differences you have should not go outside of your own home. You should reconcile between yourselves, because a small problem can be made into a great one if a third party gets involved. So you have to be very cautious.

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (Allah he pleased with him) reported that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) said:

“The most wicked among the people in the eye of Allah on the Day of judgment is the man who goes to his wife and she comes to him, and then he divulges her secret.” Sahih Muslim 1437 a

I ask Allah High and Mighty to guide all of us and to bring prosperity into our homes and lives and to reunite all of us in His eternal paradise.

Ameen and Allah Knows best.