

NURTURING EVERLASTING LOVEINTHE MARRIAGE

Let us have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by practicing completely all the tenets of Islam in our lives, and at the same time fulfilling all of the obligations and



Indeed, every individual longs for the love and care for happiness. The child needs the love of the mother, and the parents desire the love of their children. The husband wants to be loved, and the wife wants to be cared and treated with

affection. A loving society will bring about an environment filled with peace and harmony. It begins with a blessed marriage that is sheltered with love and care.

Therefore, we all should be loving and also loved by others, to ensure a cheerful life. On these statements, the khutbah will touch upon the topic of establishing everlasting in the marriage.

True love only emanates from the pure soul, driven by the Sharee 'ah. Love is a natural fitrah for mankind. Moreover, Islam is a religion upon fitrah that always provide the guideline and avenue for mankind to fulfill the needs of

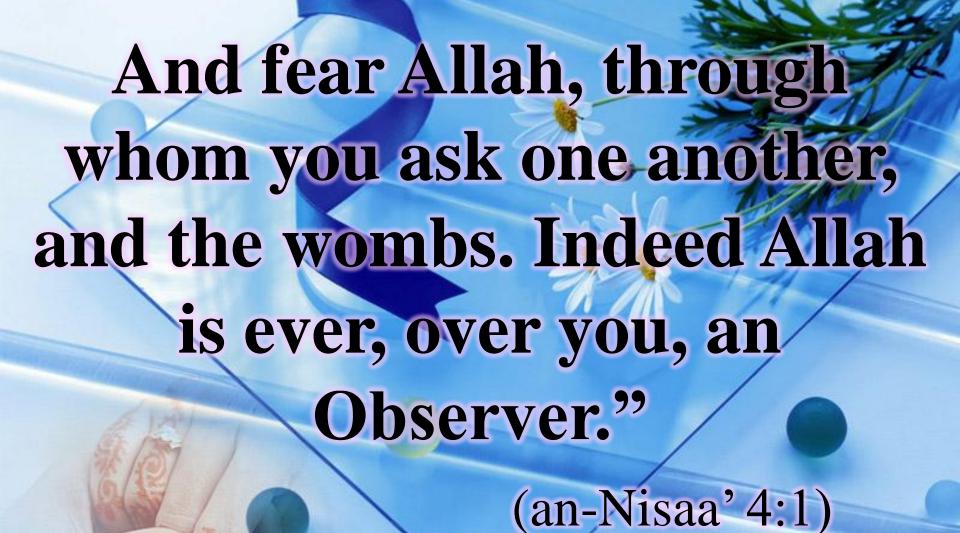


[Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know."

(ar-Room 30:30)

Hence, to ensure the bond of love lingers forever in a marriage, we must refer to Islamic guidelines. The spouses should know each other deeply with great understanding, according to the stipulation of the Sharee 'ah.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women.



This verse expounds how a woman came from part of a man, and is to complement the man. So, with the unity of them both, their legacy or lineage is born. Remember that we are in need of each other.

A man may not live a complete life without a woman, and vice versa. So, treat your spouse with kindness and appreciation. Allah demands that we safeguard the silaturrahm for it is from among the matters that assures a blissful life.

Mankind must live in a jamaa ah to fulfill and complete their needs for living. Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam also had explained how women are to be continuously educated with patience.

Lead and guide our wives into becoming our best mates. Women are naturally softhearted and tender in character. Hardness and rigidity will not bring about any positive changes, and will instead destroy all the goodness existed.



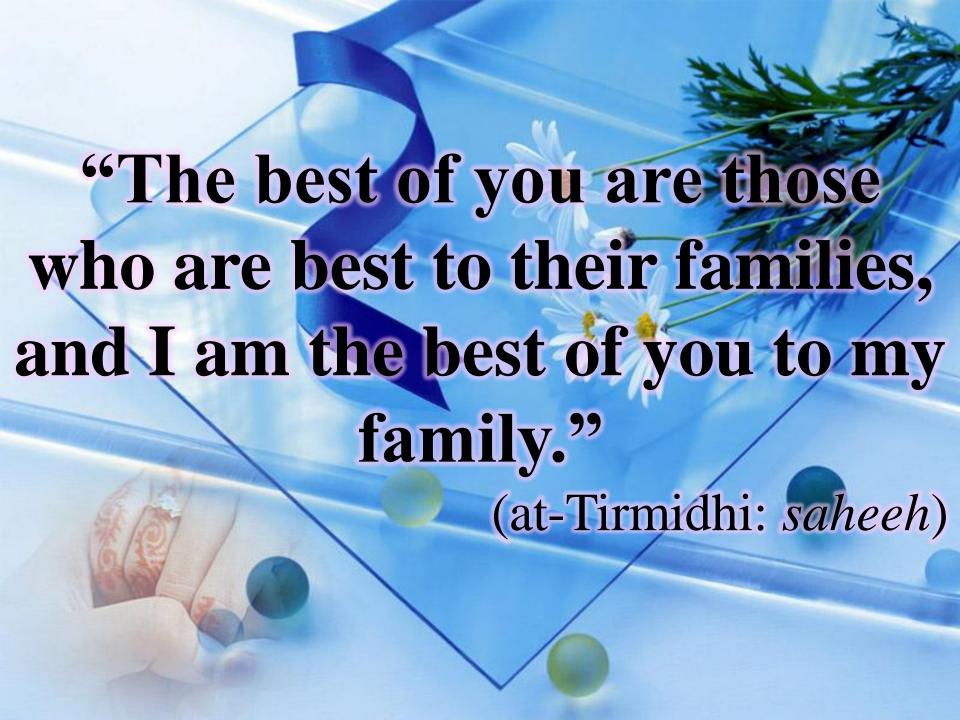
"Treat women nicely, for a woman is created from a rib,

and the most curved portion of the rib is its upper portion, so, if you should try to straighten it, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain crooked. So treat women nicely."

(al-Bukhaari)

From among the sunnah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam that is to be emulated, we should be composed, patient, well-mannered, and helpful with our wives. He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam has emphasized that a man that treats his spouse

very well with great love and care is indeed the best of mankind. In the hadeeth of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha, the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:



With good treatment and guidance that are continuous, truly the love and affection will bloom in the hearts. Women that are naturally kind and softhearted should be treated and educated with calmness and competence to foster the

the confidence and love towards the husband. The husband's composure and wisdom will make the wife calm and loving towards him, due to her confidence and affection on the reliability of the shelter where she sought refuge.

This is the secret for the happiness and harmony in a marriage.

One more thing that should be taken seriously is the ability of the husband as the head of family in providing and fulfilling satisfactorily the

needs of the spouse and children. Neglecting this very responsibility is a manifestation of ruptured love within the household. How can love and care be upheld if the basic rights within the family are deprived?

Contemplate upon this verse from al-Qur'an: "Men are in charge of women by [right of] what Allah has given one over the other and what they spend [for maintenance] from their

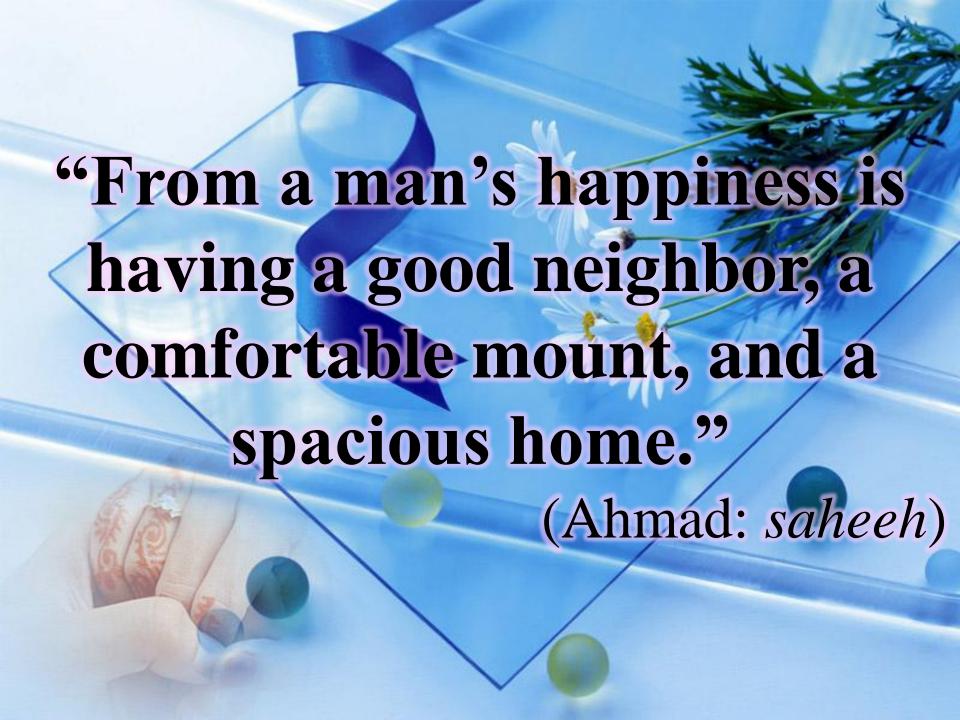
wealth..."

(an-Nisaa' 4:34)

Also, to ensure the longevity of love and affection, every husband must beatify the family by truly fulfilling the living needs of the family. The husband that is loved by the wife and children is the husband and father that strive diligently

to educate and improve the economic situation of the family, in providing comfortable living for them all. On the contrary, the husband that fails to fulfill his responsibility will in turn fail to attain the love and affection of his wife and

children. We must acknowledge this fact for it has been conveyed to us by the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. In the hadeeth of Naafi' bin 'Abdul Harith radiyAllaahu 'anh, the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:



Let us recap the various significant points in today's khutbah, among them: 1- Indeed, the bond of love and affection in a marriage can be nurtured by getting to know each other deeply, and having great understanding and

appreciation between the spouses.

2- Truly, women are in need of guidance that is complemented with love and care, in raising a happy family along with her husband.

3- Indeed, the husband as the head of family should strive to his utmost in providing the needs and comfort for the family, so that the love and care is strongly embedded in the hearts of the family members.

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought." (ar-Room 30:21)

جَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قُوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ .

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen

