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**THE DUTY TO**

**PROTECT**

**WOMEN IN ISLAM**



Let us all strive to increase our  
*taqwa* with the true *taqwa* of  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
fulfilling all of His Commands  
and avoiding all of His  
prohibitions.



Indeed, we truly hope that we will attain the love and mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Today's *khutbah* will emphasize the importance regarding: “***The Duty To Protect Women In Islam.***”

Islam has granted women a special status that truly befits them. For sure we have heard stories of the desert Arabs during the *Jaahiliyyah* (period of Ignorance) that would bury

their daughters alive, right after birth or in their teens. This is just because they deem daughters would only bring shame and disgrace to the family. Allah has mentioned such matter in



al-Qur'an:

**“And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief. He hides himself from the people because of**

**the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.”**

**(an-Nahl 16:58-59)**



Lately, we have been startled by several terrifying and horrifying incidence involving the womenfolk. Through the mass media, we have been exposed to numerous heart-breaking

tragedies inflicted upon women such as murder, physical abuse, prostitution, rape, trafficking, and many others. Indeed, this is truly a grave matter and we cannot afford to turn a blind eye

or even uttering, “Pity them”  
regarding unwanted incidents  
inflicted upon the womenfolk.  
Allah has created every being in  
this universe in pairs.



And that includes the creation of human being where Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* made the women to be paired up with the men. In terms of responsibilities as vicegerent of Allah on the

face of earth, Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* did not differentiate  
between men and women in  
matters pertaining to rewards  
and good deeds for every  
righteous deed performed.



In the Sight of Allah, men and women both share the same role in attaining the perfect life on this earth.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“Whoever does righteousness,  
whether male or female, while  
he is a believer - We will  
surely cause him to live a good  
life, and We will**

**surely give them their reward  
[in the Hereafter] according to  
the best of what they used to  
do.”**

**(an-Nahl 16:97)**

The men have been entrusted as leaders in protecting women.

This very responsibility is befitting due to their superiority and natural characteristics in certain aspects as bestowed



by Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala*. Hence, the men  
must always strive to  
comprehend the essentials and  
need of the women. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has  
reminded the



men that they are the leaders for the women. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in 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)**

It is evident that it is the very responsibility of the men in providing care and protection to the women at all times, especially when they are disgraced or abused. History has shown that

Nabi Muhammad *sallAllahu*  
*'alayhi wasallam* is the greatest  
defender of the women. His  
messengership, as the prophet  
and messenger, not only in  
conveying the *risaalah* of



Islam that is perfect and complete, but at the same time successfully elevating women to a higher status that is more noble as compared during the *Jaahiliyyah* period.



In this regard, from the *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*,  
Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had said:

**“The best of you are those  
who are best to their  
families, and I am the best  
of you to my family.”**

*(at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)*

Indeed, the Islamic teachings that were conveyed by Nabi Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had proven to be successful in changing the status of women in the entire the world,

from the abyss of humiliation  
and discrimination, then  
elevated unto becoming noble  
and honored.

In another *hadeeth*, Abu  
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*



reported the Messenger of Allah  
*sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* as  
saying:

**“... So act kindly towards  
women.”**

(Muslim)

Even though Islam has honored the women, unfortunately there are still those who would degrade them such that they become victims of discrimination. Their voice and opinion goes

unheard, and even if taken into account, they are taken very lightly without interest.

Furthermore, even the women's voice and views that are related to their very own and personal affairs

are at times neglected or received without seriousness. Such attitude will only expose the women to unjust actions and treatment. Imagine if those being discriminated against are our



own mothers? Or imagine the feeling of a man if the victim of oppression is actually his wife, daughter, or female relatives?

Even to this day, we still find  
oppression by men upon  
women. Certainly we would be  
grieved and saddened upon  
hearing the news of women  
being raped, abused, violated,  
and oppressed

in various form of psychological stress. On the other hand, there are women that would actually allow themselves to be manipulated and become the object of cheap

advertisement, where in the end  
those immoral men would  
succumb to their lustful desire  
in taking advantage and  
disrespecting the honor of a  
woman.



Therefore, in safeguarding the dignity of women, a change of attitude must come from the men, whom are the preserver and protector of women. The women themselves must

preserve and value their own  
selves, rising to uphold their  
rights by respecting and loving  
the men that are always  
protecting them. We are certain  
that only those truly having  
*imaan* will be

capable to shoulder this very *amaanah*. The complete *imaan* will propel us to fulfill this very duty with perfection.

Hence, the one that does not complete his responsibility in protecting the rights of women, then it would only mean that his *imaan* is incomplete, even if he has performed multitudes of



good deeds and *'ibaadah*. To ensure that the men are having complete *imaan* and *taqwa*, let us strive to acknowledge and respect the rights of women. At the same time, it behooves the

women to protect and appreciate  
their own esteemed selves by  
striving to avoid anything that  
would lead to destruction in this  
world and the Hereafter.

**“O you who have believed,  
protect yourselves and your  
families from a Fire whose  
fuel is people and stones, over  
which are**

**[appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.”**

**(at-Tahreem 66:6)**



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ  
بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ  
تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا  
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ  
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we are truly grateful unto You for bestowing upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the efforts in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare services.**

**Hence, we beseech You, O Allah,  
strengthen our *imaan*, accept our good  
deeds, solidify our unity, increase our  
sustenance, enrich us with beneficial  
knowledge, fill our hearts with noble  
characters,**

**guide us to the path that is pleasing to  
You, protect us from all types of  
calamities and Your severe tribulations  
so that our state will continue to  
prosper and remain blessed.**



**O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily *salawaat* and ‘*ibaadah* of *zakaat* as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving the poor and needy.**

**Purify their wealth and hearts, protect the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakeen* from *kufr* and continuous poverty. O Allah, increase and expand the sustenance of those who made *waqf* from of their wealth, accept their *waqf* with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.**



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