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ALI 440: Topical Tafsir of Quran  
Family Relationships

Check the following verses in your copy of the Quran

Verses for today's session

- 1) Sura Nur, no.24, verse 36
- 2) Sura Nahl, no.16, verse 80
- 3) Sura Nur, no.24, verse 61



# Topics for the course

- Sanctity of the Home and Family
- Enhancing Relationships
- Conflict in the Family



# Agenda

- The Holy Quran
- Verses on the Family
- An Example of a family in the Quran
- Imam Ali (a) on Family



# The Holy Quran

أَلَا مَنْ اشْتَأَقَ إِلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَسْتَمِعْ كَلَامَ اللَّهِ

Whoever yearns for Allah

should listen to the words of Allah

Holy Prophet (s)



# The Family

- Fulfills the needs of the human beings
- Forms an environment for tranquility of the soul
- Assists in reaching the goal of human life
- Teaches social and interactive skills
- Lays the foundation of society



Sura Nahl, no.16, verse 80

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ سَكَنًا

It is Allah who has made your homes as a place  
of rest for you



## Points from the verse

- The home is a source of peace and tranquility
- 'min buyutikum' could refer to certain areas of the home where the inhabitants find peace and rest
- The peace found at home is from the blessings of Allah
- The importance of this peace derived from home can be seen in that it is the first of many favors enumerated in this verse.
- It is the only benefit of the home referred to in this verse



Sura Nur, no.24, verse 36

فِي بُيُوتٍ أُذِنَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ  
يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ

In houses which Allah has permitted to be exalted and that His name may be remembered in them; there glorify Him therein in the mornings and the evenings



## Points from the Verse

- Hadith of the Holy Prophet. When he was asked about these homes he said it refers to the homes of the Prophets. A companion pointed towards the home of Imam Ali (a). 'Is that included?' he asked. 'It is from its best ones' replied the Holy Prophet.
- Hadith of Imam Baqir (a). These are the homes of the Prophets, the Messengers, the Wise ones, the Leaders of Guidance.
- Homes where light of Allah is protected. Others can seek it there. It can refer to all those homes where there is faith and action.
- The homes are raised by Allah's permission



Sura Nur, no.24, verse 61

فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَيَّ أَنْفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ  
اللَّهِ مُبَارَكَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ

So when you enter houses, greet yourselves with  
a salutation from Allah, blessed and good.



## Points from the verse

- Etiquette of love and respect must be maintained in the home. Saying of salaam is part of it.
- 3 interpretations of sending salaam on yourselves;
  - a) some of you to others
  - b) to your spouse and children
  - c) to yourself on entering an empty home. Say  
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا  
Peace be on us from our Lord



# An Example from the Quran

Story of Prophet Yusuf and his family

Sura Yusuf

Verses 4-6

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## Family according to Imam Ali (a)

Respect your relatives

because they are your wings with which you fly  
the origin towards which you return  
and your hands with which you reach.

Imam Ali (a)

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