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ALI 440: Topical Tafsir of Quran
Family Relationships

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Verses for today's session

- 1) Sura Nahl, no.16, verse 72
- 2) Sura Furqan, no.25, verse 74
- 3) Sura Tur, no.52, verse 26

Agenda

- The Holy Quran
- A verse on the Family
- Qualities of good family relationships
 - Love
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- An Example of a family in the Quran
- Imam Ali (a) on Family

The Holy Quran

Learn the Book of Allah Almighty

for it is the best of speech and the most eloquent exhortation

Get educated through it for it is the spring of the hearts

Get cured by its light for it is the cure for what is in the hearts

Excel in its recitation for it is the best of stories

Imam Ali (a), Tuhaf al Uqul, 150

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A Verse on the Family

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ
أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ۗ
أَفَبِالْبَاطِلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ هُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ

And Allah has made for you from yourselves mates and has made for you from your mates sons and grandchildren and has provided for you from the good things. Then in falsehood do they believe and in the favor of Allah they disbelieve?

Sura Nahl, no.16, verse 72

Points from the verse

- Creating spouses from among human beings is a blessing from Allah. There are physical and spiritual/emotional benefits in that.
- Children and grandchildren are a blessing and sign of Allah. It is a continuation of the human race on earth.
- The family system is from the Sunnah of Allah. Whoever goes against it goes against Allah and rejects His blessings.

Sura Furqan, no.25, verse 74

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا
قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

And they who say: O our Lord! grant us in our mates and our offspring the joy of our eyes, and make us guides to those who guard against evil.

Points from the Verse

- Believers pray for their spouses and progenies.
- Spouses and children are a source of delight
- A virtuous family can lead to a virtuous and strong society
- Believers pray for a role in leading the pious people in society.

Sura Tur, no.52, verse 26

قَالُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا قَبْلُ فِي أَهْلِنَا مُشْفِقِينَ

They said; Surely we were concerned before
for our families

Points from the verse

- Family members are concerned about the welfare of each other
- They give importance to the happiness of the family
- They think and plan how to achieve success and salvation for the family
- They interact beautifully with each other
- They guide and support one another

An Example from the Quran

Story of the mother of Nabi Musa (a)

Sura Qasas

Verses 7-13

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Family according to Imam Ali (a)

Your household should not become the most miserable people through you

Imam Ali (a)

Letter no.31, Nahjul Balagha