

Teachings of the Prophet (s) on Family Relationships

Session Two

Verses for today's session – 66:6, 20:132

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ

O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel will be people and stones.

Sura al-Tahrim, no.66, verse 6

Save your families by inviting them towards the obedience of Allah, keeping them away from indecency and evil, and teaching them their obligations.

Tafsir Nur al-Thaqalayn explains this verse with a hadith;

تَأْمُرُهُمْ بِمَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ وَتَنْهَاهُمْ عَمَّا نَهَاَهُمُ اللَّهُ فَإِنْ أَطَاعُوكَ كُنْتَ
قَدْ وَقَيْتَهُمْ وَإِنْ عَصَوْكَ كُنْتَ قَدْ قَضَيْتَ مَا عَلَيْكَ

You tell them to do what Allah has commanded and to stay away from what He has forbidden. Then if they obey you, you have protected them. And if they disobey you, you have done your duty.

Imam Sadiq (a)

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا

And bid your family to prayer and be steadfast

Sura Taha, no.20, verse 132

After this verse was revealed, for nine months the Prophet (s) would knock on his daughter's home every morning and say;

الصَّلَاةَ رَحْمَكُمُ اللَّهُ! إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ
الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

[Rise for] Prayers, may Allah have mercy on you
Surely Allah wishes to remove all uncleanness from you O
people of the house and purify you with a thorough
purification.

Hadith from Tafsir Majmaul Bayan

Spiritual Teachings of the Prophet at home

1) Attention to prayer time

إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يُحَدِّثُنَا وَنُحَدِّثُهُ فَإِذَا حَضَرَتِ
الصَّلَاةُ فَكَأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَعْرِفْنَا وَ لَمْ نَعْرِفْهُ

The Messenger of Allah of Allah would talk to us and we would talk to him, but when it would be salaah time it would be as if he did not know us and we did not know him.

Bihar al anwar, v.67, p.400

2) Prayers in sadness and difficulty

When the Prophet's wives would be saddened by something he would say;

قُومُوا إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ بِهَذَا أَمْرِي رَبِّي

Rise to Prayer, this is what my Lord has told me to do

Mustadrakul Wasail, v.16,p.39

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۚ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى
الْخَاشِعِينَ

And take recourse in patience and prayer, and it is
indeed hard except for the humble

Sura al-Baqara, no.2, verse 45

3) Do not make worship unpleasant

إِنَّ هَذَا الدِّينَ مَتِينٌ فَأَوْغِلُوا فِيهِ بَرَفُوقٍ وَلَا تُكْرَهُوا عِبَادَةَ
اللَّهِ إِلَىٰ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ فَتَكُونُوا كَالرَّكَّابِ الْمُنْبِتِ الَّذِي لَا
سَفْرًا قَطَعَ وَلَا ظَهْرًا أَبْقَىٰ

Indeed this religion is firm and stable, so enter into it with gentleness. Do not make the servants of Allah dislike the worship of Allah, you will be like the rider who does not travel ahead nor has a ride remaining.

al Kafi, v.2, p.86

- The story of the rope in the mosque – The Prophet sees a rope that someone has tied in the mosque to prevent him from going to sleep. He orders that it be untied.
- Advice to Imams of congregational salaah – Keep the prayers short when you are in congregation. You can pray at length when you pray by yourself.

4) Reminder to be grateful

أَكْرَمِي جِوَارَ نِعَمِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ فَإِنَّهَا لَمْ تَنْفِرْ مِنْ قَوْمٍ فَكَادَتْ
تَعُودُ إِلَيْهِمْ

Respect and appreciate the blessings of Allah, for if they are lifted from a people, they may not return to them

Bihar al-Anwar, v.16, p.265

5) Kindness and sensitivity to others

When one of his wives did not accept a gift from a poor lady . . .

الا قبلتها منها و كافيتها منها فلا تری انک حقرتها . . .
تواضعی فان الله یحب المتواضعین و یبغض المستکبرین

Why did you not accept it from her and compensate her for it so she does not think that you have humiliated her . . be humble, for Allah likes those who are humble and dislikes the arrogant ones.

Mizan al-Hikmah, v. 14, p.665