

Building the Home on Solid Foundations

﴿وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيَامَىٰ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ إِنْ يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُعْنِهِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ
« يَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا وَبَشِّرُوا وَلَا تَنْفَرُوا »

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Humans, who have the most honorable position among all creatures, needs a spouse as a requirement of their nature. Allah (swt) says in the Quran; “**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.**”¹ It is a human necessity for a man to marry a woman and a woman to marry a man in order to meet their needs, to share life's difficulties, sadness and joy. In an old saying, “**Aloneness is only for Allah**”. It is both a right and a duty for every person who does not have a disability to marry, to get rid of the feeling of suffering that loneliness will bring and to start a family.

Dear Jama'ah!

In the period we live in, marriages have decreased, and people have almost avoided marriage. Especially in big cities, almost half of the houses have become resident alone, and starting a family has become a burden both spiritually and financially. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran, “**And marry the unmarried among you and the righteous among your male slaves and female slaves. If they should be poor, Allāh will enrich them from His bounty, and Allāh is all-Encompassing and Knowing.**”² Our Prophet (saw) on the importance of getting married and starting a family, has said, “**Whoever has married has completed half of his religion; therefore, let him be God conscious in the other half.**”³

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We can see that the age of marriage in society has advanced. Our Prophet (saw) said; “**O young men, whoever among you can afford it, let him get married.**”⁴

Getting married at a young age has great benefits such as protection from sins and having an orderly life. Of course, in this regard, great responsibilities fall on the society and parents. Rasulullah (saw) has said, “**Make things easy for the people, and do not make it difficult for them, and make them calm (with glad tidings) and do not repulse them!**”⁵

In the name of culture, both families should not burden each other with unnecessary difficulties. There should be no room for waste and show off in weddings. Especially in this period when everything is expensive, we should avoid dragging our youth who are going to build a home into debt. In the years when they should be happy, we must prevent them from being indebted.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

While we are establishing our homes where Islam will be lived properly and a Muslim generation will be raised, we should pay attention to the ‘halal circle’. Since our weddings will represent our sincerity towards religion, we should pay attention to Islamic sensitivities. In the words of our scholars; “The Halal circle is enough for our happiness and pleasure.” When it is in accordance with the will of Allah (swt), He will be the protector of the homes that will be built. The one who is under the protection of Allah (swt) will undoubtedly be safe.

May Allah (swt) grant the youth of the Ummah to marry in a halal way and to reach the happiness of both worlds.

Ameen!

¹ Surah Ar-Rum, 30:21

² Surah An-Nur, 24:32

³ Heysemî, IV, 252

⁴ Buhârî, Nikâh, 3; Müslim, Nikâh, 1

⁵ Buhârî, İlim, 11, Edeb 80