

In the Name of Allah the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
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Praises and thanks are to a God who is the lord of worlds and He is Gracious and Merciful. And peace is upon Muhammad and His Ahl-Bait and curses are upon their enemies.

I advice myself and you to be virtuous. The signs of virtuousness are, as said by Imam, Allah should see in a place where He has ordered you to be present and ready to obey His orders. Furthermore, He should not see you in a place where He has banned to be present. We ask Allah to give us the opportunity act likely.

The first part of our discussion was about the responsibility of an ideal woman. The second part is to believe in yourself and understand your responsibilities. An ideal Muslim woman should know herself as woman and be proud of it. And, she should act accordingly. This has two broad sections.

1) Understanding wife's role

Woman's responsibility in this role is to be a good wife for her husband. This responsibility is described, in ahadith, as to fight in the way of Allah. Imam Ali (a.s): God has obligated "Jihad" for males. The "Jihad" of males is to give out his life and money in the way of Allah until he dies in this way. Likewise, the "Jihad" of woman is to be a good wife for her husband.

Creating an intimate environment in the family, caring about the family, and developing a safe, trustful, and peaceful environment is not an easy job to handle. No doubt performing these responsibilities has great rewards. Although these responsibilities are not obligatory to be performed by woman, it has great incentive. **Imam Ali (a.s):** any woman that fulfills the thirst of her husband, this act is better for her than worshipping 1 year.

And when Ali and Fatima (a.s.) requested prophet (p.b.u.h.a.a) to divide their responsibilities, Prophet said that Ali(a.s) is responsible to do out of house work and Fatima (a.s) is responsible for the work inside the house. At that instance, Fatima Zahra (a.s) said: God know how much I was happy that prophet has taken away the difficulty of confronting and communicating with unfamiliar males.

The greatest model of taking care of husband is Fatima (a.s). Imam Ali (a.s) said: I swear to God that Fatima (a.s) has never made me angry and she has never cursed me in any work. And whenever I looked at him, my sorrow disappeared.

2) Understanding mothers role and its importance

Another responsibility that is levied on to woman is the responsibility of being a mother. A mother is responsible for pregnancy, fostering, and upbringing children. Today, people do not

put enough attention and time for this important responsibility. Some people do not fulfill this responsibility due to work load, spending time with physical appearance, or seeking personal welfare. They levy the responsibility to other, and children do not get enough of mother's love. Quran has given importance to all the difficulty that a mother goes through during this period and has ordered people to give a lot of importance to it. Prophet (p.b.u.h.a.a) replied to Um-as-Salama: when a woman is pregnant, she has the reward of a fasting person that is worshipping Allah at night and fight in the way of Allah in the morning. And you do not know the reward of labor. And when she gives her child milk in a complete manner, an angel tells her: God has forgiven all of your sins. Now, you can start your efforts from no sins.

This period is very hard and vulnerable but in a hadith, Imam Sadiq (a.s.) says a woman that dies during birth, God does not account her at the day of judgment. And, she enters paradise without being accounted.

We hope the women of our society to understand and implement their responsibilities. They should put effort in their first responsibility of purity which includes chastity, Hijab, and Pudency. And by understanding their second responsibility, self-recognition, they should be proud of being a woman. And we hope they will succeed in creating an intimate environment for the family, and nurturing a healthy and righteous child

The month of Rajab

This month is the month of Rajab. It is a great opportunity to look at our past and put effort to correct our behaviors. We should use this month as an opportunity to enter the blessed month of Shaban. And use these two month to enter the great month of Ramadhan.

We have the birth of Imam Amir Al-Muminin's birth and Imam Baqer's birth and the day assigning Muhammad the last prophecy (بعثت). These days are an opportunity for us to know our responsibilities and act accordingly. We should not forget to join these ceremonies too.

Next Wednesday is the birth of our ninth Imam, Javad Al-a'eimah. Allah (s.t) has given the responsibility of imamat to Imam Javad at his childhood years, similar to Prophet Eisa and Yahya (a.s.) that was responsible for prophecy at their childhood. Quran, also, mentions this in Surah Maryam, Verse (12).

In order for people to know his perfections, many miracles have been appeared from him. Furthermore, many scholars from different religions have debated with him and confessed. They confessed on his knowledge, understanding the truth of Quran, and his great dominance over the laws and theology. This has been mentioned in history such as the important debate of Yahya ibn Aktham and other scholars at the presence of Ma'moon.

We ask Allah (s.t) to grant us the success of knowing, loving, and obeying Him.