

Quarterly Discussion Topics on Family Life

Domestic Issues and their Solutions Excerpts from Addresses given by Khalifatul Masih V^{ab}

Quarter 3:

Lofty Standards of Good Conduct: Good Conduct towards Parents; Kindness towards Familial Ties; Rights of Relatives; Importance of Kindness towards Close Familial Ties; Good Conduct Towards Relatives; Men are Guardians over Women; Joint Family System (Pages 60 – 94).

Holy Qur'an:

Surah An Nisa, 4:20

...and consort with them in kindness...

Talking Points

- ❧ How can we become the recipient of the Blessings of Allah Almighty? What are the standards that Allah requires of us to spread peace and security? What is the significance of '*silla rehmi*'? What does it entail?
- ❧ Huzoor^{ab} explains Sura An-Nisa, Ch.4: V.35. What was Huzoor's^{ab} main point in talking about this verse? Discuss how the Promised Messiah^{as} speaks about the good treatment of women according to Islam. What are the unusual circumstances that permit husbands to *chastise* their wives according to this verse? How does Khalifat-ul-MasihIVth explain the meaning of *Qawwam*?
- ❧ What are Islam's teachings regarding the joint family system? Should a newly married husband and wife live together with the husband's parents and siblings?

Helpful Resources for this discussion:

- ❧ **Hadith with Malfuzat:**
 - The best among you is the best towards his wife/family (Tirmidhi).
 - Promised Messiah^{as} said about this Hadith, 'How can one claim to be pious when he does not behave well towards his wife? He can be pious and good to others when he behaves well towards his wife' (Malfuzat Vol.1, Page 403).
- ❧ **Excerpts from Islam's Response to Contemporary Issues** (attached).

Practical Tools:

- ❧ Analyze conversation styles / Improve listening skills and emotional Intelligence by using selected exercises listed on the PowerPoint Presentation – **Practical Tools for Proposal 1, Family Life.**