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THE DUTY TO PROTECT WOMEN IN ISLAM



Let us all strive to increase our
taqwa with the true *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
fulfilling all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His
prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope that we will attain the love and mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. Today’s *khutbah* will emphasize the importance regarding: “*The Duty To Protect Women In Islam.*”

Islam has granted women a special status that truly befits them. For sure we have heard stories of the desert Arabs during the *Jaahiliyyah* (period of Ignorance) that would bury

their daughters alive, right after birth or in their teens. This is just because they deem daughters would only bring shame and disgrace to the family. Allah has mentioned such matter in

al-Qur'an:

“And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief. He hides himself from the people because of

the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.”

(an-Nahl 16:58-59)

Lately, we have been startled by several terrifying and horrifying incidence involving the womenfolk. Through the mass media, we have been exposed to numerous heart-breaking

tragedies inflicted upon women such as murder, physical abuse, prostitution, rape, trafficking, and many others. Indeed, this is truly a grave matter and we cannot afford to turn a blind eye

or even uttering, “Pity them” regarding unwanted incidents inflicted upon the womenfolk. Allah has created every being in this universe in pairs.

And that includes the creation
of human being where Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala made
the women to be paired up with
the men. In terms of
responsibilities as vicegerent of
Allah on the

face of earth, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* did not differentiate between men and women in matters pertaining to rewards and good deeds for every righteous deed performed.

In the Sight of Allah, men and women both share the same role in attaining the perfect life on this earth.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:

**“Whoever does righteousness,
whether male or female, while
he is a believer - We will
surely cause him to live a good
life, and We will**

**surely give them their reward
[in the Hereafter] according to
the best of what they used to
do.”**

(an-Nahl 16:97)

The men have been entrusted as leaders in protecting women.

This very responsibility is befitting due to their superiority and natural characteristics in certain aspects as bestowed

by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*. Hence, the men must always strive to comprehend the essentials and need of the women. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* has reminded the

men that they are the leaders for
the women. Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala* mentions in al-
Qur'an:

**“Men are in charge of women
by [right of] what Allah has
given one over**

**the other and what they spend
[for maintenance] from their
wealth...”**

(an-Nisaa' 4:34)

It is evident that it is the very responsibility of the men in providing care and protection to the women at all times, especially when they are disgraced or abused. History has shown that

Nabi Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* is the greatest defender of the women. His messengership, as the prophet and messenger, not only in conveying the *risaalah* of

Islam that is perfect and complete, but at the same time successfully elevating women to a higher status that is more noble as compared during the *Jaahiliyyah* period.

In this regard, from the *hadeeth*
of ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*,
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* had said:

**“The best of you are those
who are best to their
families, and I am the best
of you to my family.”**

(at-Tirmidhi: *saheeh*)

Indeed, the Islamic teachings
that were conveyed by Nabi
Muhammad *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* had proven to be
successful in changing the status
of women in the entire the
world,

from the abyss of humiliation
and discrimination, then
elevated unto becoming noble
and honored.

In another *hadeeth*, Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*

reported the Messenger of Allah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam as
saying:

“... So act kindly towards
women.”

(Muslim)

Even though Islam has honored the women, unfortunately there are still those who would degrade them such that they become victims of discrimination. Their voice and opinion goes

unheard, and even if taken into account, they are taken very lightly without interest.

Furthermore, even the women's voice and views that are related to their very own and personal affairs

are at times neglected or received without seriousness.

Such attitude will only expose the women to unjust actions and treatment. Imagine if those being discriminated against are our

own mothers? Or imagine the feeling of a man if the victim of oppression is actually his wife, daughter, or female relatives?

Even to this day, we still find oppression by men upon women. Certainly we would be grieved and saddened upon hearing the news of women being raped, abused, violated, and oppressed

in various form of psychological stress. On the other hand, there are women that would actually allow themselves to be manipulated and become the object of cheap

advertisement, where in the end those immoral men would succumb to their lustful desire in taking advantage and disrespecting the honor of a woman.

Therefore, in safeguarding the dignity of women, a change of attitude must come from the men, whom are the preserver and protector of women. The women themselves must

preserve and value their own selves, rising to uphold their rights by respecting and loving the men that are always protecting them. We are certain that only those truly having *imaan* will be

capable to shoulder this very
amaanah. The complete *imaan*
will propel us to fulfill this very
duty with perfection.

Hence, the one that does not complete his responsibility in protecting the rights of women, then it would only mean that his *imaan* is incomplete, even if he has performed multitudes of

good deeds and ‘ibaadah. To ensure that the men are having complete *imaan* and *taqwa*, let us strive to acknowledge and respect the rights of women. At the same time, it behooves the

women to protect and appreciate their own esteemed selves by striving to avoid anything that would lead to destruction in this world and the Hereafter.

**“O you who have believed,
protect yourselves and your
families from a Fire whose
fuel is people and stones, over
which are**

[appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.”

(at-Tahreem 66:6)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we are truly grateful unto You for bestowing upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the efforts in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare services.

**Hence, we beseech You, O Allah,
strengthen our *imaan*, accept our good
deeds, solidify our unity, increase our
sustenance, enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, fill our hearts with noble
characters,**

**guide us to the path that is pleasing to
You, protect us from all types of
calamities and Your severe tribulations
so that our state will continue to
prosper and remain blessed.**

O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily *salawaat* and ‘ibaadah of *zakaat* as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and hearts, protect
the *fugaraa'* and *masaakeen* from *kufr*
and continuous poverty. O Allah,
increase and expand the sustenance of
those who made *waqf* from of their
wealth, accept their *waqf* with eternal
rewards until the Hereafter.**



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ
جَاْمِعَةِ إِسْلَامِ سَلَانْجُور

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