

# Qur'anic Verses About Women — Roles, Rights, Dignity & Guidance

This handout gathers key verses that speak *about* women in the Qur'an—covering origin and dignity, spiritual equality, marriage and family ethics, economic and legal rights, modesty and safety, and exemplary women—organized by theme with brief summaries. (References use standard surah:verse notation.)

Theme	Surah / Verses	Summary
Origin & kinship	4:1	Humanity from a single soul; honor ties of kin and the wombs.
Spiritual equality	33:35	Equal spiritual virtues and rewards for men and women across ten traits.
Equal reward	16:97; 40:40	Righteous deeds bring a good life and equal recompense—male or female.
Mutual guardianship	9:71	Believing men and women are allies: enjoin good, forbid wrong, establish justice.
Human dignity (universal)	49:13	Nobility is by God-consciousness—not sex, tribe, or race.
Exemplary women	66:11–12	Asiyah and Mary as models of faith, patience, and purity.
Mary's eminence	3:42–43	Mary chosen and purified above the women of all peoples.
Woman ruler's wisdom	27:23–44	Queen of Sheba's prudent leadership and acceptance of truth.
Condemning infanticide	16:58–59; 81:8–9	Denounces burying daughters; asks for which sin the girl was killed.
Marriage — purpose	30:21	Spousal bond for tranquility, affection, and mercy.
Marriage — ethics	4:19	Live with wives in kindness; forbids inheriting/compelling women.
Marriage — covenant	4:21	Marriage described as a solemn covenant (muthaqq ghalib).
Mutual comfort	2:187	Spouses are garments for each other—intimacy, protection, dignity.
Polygyny conditional	4:3	Up to four with strict justice; otherwise one—context of orphan girls.
Justice challenge	4:129	Perfect equality among multiple wives isn't attainable—be fair and avoid harm.
Dowry (mahr)	4:4	Give women their bridal gifts freely; don't coerce them to return it.
Economic agency	4:32	Men and women have a share of what they earn; ask Allah for His bounty.
Inheritance rights	4:7	Men and women both have fixed shares of estates.
Inheritance shares	4:11–12; 4:176	Detailed allocations for daughters, mothers, wives, sisters, etc.
Consent / remarriage	2:232	Don't prevent women from remarrying when they agree honorably.
Divorce ethics	2:231	Keep with kindness or release with kindness; no harm or coercion.
Waiting period (iddah)	2:228	Prescribed waiting period; reciprocal rights with a degree of responsibility.
Divorce procedure	65:1–7	Timing, lodging, maintenance; don't evict except for clear immorality.
Nursing & support	2:233	Mothers may breastfeed; fathers responsible for provision—mutual consultation.
Dispute resolution	4:35	Appoint arbiters from both families to reconcile marital discord.
Roles & discord	4:34	Men as providers/guardians; staged process for serious breach—interpretation.
Sexual ethics	2:222	Guidance around menstruation—approach only in permitted times/ways.
Modesty — both sexes	24:30–31	Lower the gaze, guard chastity; guidance for women's dress/disclosure.
Safety in public	33:59	Jilbab instruction so believing women are recognized and not harassed.
Elderly women	24:60	Relaxed dress for those past marriage age without tabarruj (display).
Prophetic household	33:32–34	Special guidance to the Prophet's wives—speech, dignity, devotion.
Slander laws	24:4; 24:6–9	Penalty for false accusation; procedure for spousal accusations (li'an).

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Protecting reputations	24:23; 24:11–20	Severe warning for slandering chaste women; lessons from the Ifk incident
Lawful spouses (People of the Book)	5:5	Chaste women of the People of the Book are lawful (with conditions).
Access to justice	58:1–4	A woman's plea about <b>ḥiḥ</b> is heard and a ruling revealed in her favor.