

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا  
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ  
(الروم 22)

And one of His signs is this that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them and he has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely is a sign for a people who reflect.

Respected Ameer Sahib, dear brothers and sisters in Islam and all participants of the Jalsa Salana

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

I feel very blessed and privileged indeed and I am very grateful to the Ameer Sahib and the Jalsa Planning committee for giving me the task of standing before this august gathering to deliver a speech of the topic, **Love and sincerity in matrimonial life.**

Allah the Almighty has thousands of attributes befitting his magnificence, His attributes of being Rahman, Rahim and Wadood prove that He has showered us with everything we need and more. Since the creation of man, Allah Almighty has bestowed human beings with the abundance of blessings. Surely, His blessings are so vast that it is impossible to capture them in words. To perfect all these blessings, he established for human beings the sacred institution of marriage.

The concept of marriage is likened to living in peace and tranquility. This can be achieved only by true love and sincerity in a matrimonial relation. However, the conditions attached with true love and sincerity are kindness, compassion, trust, respect and many more. The West have everything, from landing on the moon to other fascinating technologies, but what they don't have is family peace. The ratio of divorce is the highest there and other marriage complications are booming with the passage of every day. This is all because, they do not possess that special key which was handed to us by the Holy Prophet of Islam.

How fortunate are we Muslims that we have the secret key and code to true love and sincerity in a matrimonial life. That key and code is what has been bestowed upon us by the Holy Quran and translated into actions by the practical example of the Holy Prophet.

Islam deals with each and every aspect of love and sincerity, and a glimpse into the life of the Holy Prophet instantly reveals the intensity of love and sincerity in the matrimonial life of the Holy Prophet, and it thus teaches the golden path to follow in order to accomplish the reflection of his life.

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِأَزْوَاجِكَ إِن كُنْتُنَّ تُرِدْنَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا  
وَزِينَتَهَا فَتَعَالَيْنَ أُمَتِّعْكُنَّ وَأُسْرِّحْكُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا

Translation: "O Prophet, say to your wives, if you desire the life of this world and its adornment, come then, I will provide for you and send you away in a handsome manner."

In this verse, the wives of the Holy Prophet were given the choice between the Holy Prophet and the worldly adornments.

At the revelation of this verse The Holy Prophet asked each wife in turn, if she wanted to stay with him or wanted the luxuries of the world? Their love for the Holy Prophet and sincerity to him was deeply embedded and rooted in their hearts that they could not imagine a moment away from him.

They rejected the world, its beauties and wealth for the sake of the Holy Prophet.

This leaves a huge question mark on what magnetic qualities the Holy Prophet possessed in order to attract such love and sincerity that his wives chose to stay with him over all that was in the world. What was the secret recipe behind this true love and sincerity?

The very first magnetic property that we find from the noble character of the Holy Prophet is his care and kindness towards his wives.

He purely and perfectly executed this saying of the Holy

Quran: وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

Which means, and treat them with kindness

Similarly as mentioned in the hadith of Bihar-ul-Anwar

الکمل المومن ایمانا احسنهم خلقا و خیارکم خیارکم لنساءه

Translation: The most complete persons in faith are those who have the best manners and the best among you are those who are good with their wives

These great leaps of kindness and care by the Holy Prophet, reaped its fruit as his wives reflected his love with great kindness and compassion.

Even after the demise of the Holy Prophet, his love which was rooted deep in the hearts of his wives would manifest on several occasions.

Hazrat Aisha would cry uncontrollably anytime she would eat good food after the demise of the Holy Prophet and say that

during the era of the Holy Prophet, we did not get this, and wished the Holy Prophet would be alive to taste of it.

These examples from the perfect model of the Holy Prophet very clearly illustrate how Kindness and compassion very effectively give birth to true love and sincerity in marriage.

Another major factor which is the secret to a healthy marriage is unmatched forgiveness

أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا (النساء 20)

Translation: if you dislike a thing in them, but Allah has created much more good in them.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad advised both the wives and the husbands to adopt the attitude of sacrifice and try to look for the good points in each other. He said, "If you see a fault or dislike any act in each other, there would surely be certain likeable aspects which you are pleased with, in view of these pleasant aspects, follow the way of sacrifice and try to create harmonious atmosphere of mutual understanding."

Respect in a matrimonial life is also another fundamental concept, with its help marriage is filled with true love and sincerity.

Our beloved Huzur and fifth Khalifa of the Promised Messiah has on many instances drawn the attention of marriage partners to show respect for each other.

Abid Khan Sahib, the press secretary of the Jama'at narrates an incident, he says: I was very busy in work for so many days, Huzur who was noticing all this told me to call my wife and tell her, "I love you". I called her and told her, "I love you", and she quickly said is it Huzur who told you to say it.

In another incident he says that, I was on a walk with my wife and Huzur happened to see us. In my following meeting with Huzur, he said to me that I saw you with your wife and you were a few steps ahead. Make sure to walk side by side with her.

Although these instances appear very common and light but they are such basic and fundamental aspects that lead to true love and sincerity in matrimonial lives.

Another very crucial point to note with regard to respect is the very famous slogan of, “ladies first”. The west pride themselves on being champions of women rights and giving women precedence. But let this instance reflect that not only was Hazrat Muhammad a champion of women rights in general but was the first to raise the slogan of ladies first. He was the best among believers to show respect to his wives.

Hazrat Safia the wife of the Holy Prophet was riding behind him on a camel. The camel slipped and both of them fell down.

Hazrat Talha quickly came and tried to give a supporting hand to the Holy Prophet and asked

هل اصابك من شيء، قال لا و لكن عليك بامرأة that, Did you get hurt.

The Holy Prophet said No. but the lady should be attended to first.



And thus forever writing in history that women should come first and maximum respect should be given to them.

Another effective way to produce true love and sincerity in marriage is by being a shelter for each other. This means that the wife covers and overlooks the shortcomings of the husband and the husband covers and overlooks the shortcomings of the wife.

As the Holy Quran says:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ (البقرة 188)

Which means that they are a garment for you and you are a garment for them.

This beautiful metaphor of the Holy Quran is applicable in the example of clothes and garments being necessary for warmth, protection, covering and adornment. Also in our clothes we find comfort, security, satisfaction and identity. The male and female are in need of each other just as the human body stands

in need of garment to face his environment. Hazrat Musleh Maud has very beautifully put this in the following words:

Humanity is a separate thing. It is a single soul and it has been divided into two parts. One half is termed Man and the other half is termed Woman. When these two are parts of the same thing, then until the two do not join, that being will not be complete. It will only become perfect when both parts are joined together

In the end I will present the saying of the Promised Messiah regarding true love and sincerity in a Matrimonial life. The Promised Messiah says, “It should be such that the relationship between a husband and the wife is that of true best friends. The first witness of man’s good character and relationship with God is the woman. How is it possible that your relation with them is not good and you wish to maintain a good relation with God be good?”

It is next to impossible to wish for true love and sincerity in matrimonial relationships without following the parameters as defined by the Holy Prophet.

May Allah Almighty enable us to inculcate the perfect morals of the Holy Prophet and through them attain true love and sincerity in our matrimonial relationship. Ameen!