

The Constant Love¹⁵ and the Blooming Marriage

Qur'anic verses:

{But give them preference over themselves, even though poverty was their (own lot). And those saved from the covetousness of their own souls, -- they are the ones that achieve prosperity.}
[Al-Hashr: 9]

{Nor expect, in giving, any increase (for thyself)!}
[Al-Muddathir: 5]

Prophetic Hadiths:

None is of complete belief until he loves¹⁶ for his brother what he loves of goodness for himself.
[Reported by Ahmad]

¹⁵ Love is of many kinds: the best and higher kind of them is love for the sake of Allah. One day two friends sat together and talked about another friend whom they missed very much. They were looking forward to seeing him. One of them suggested that they should visit him. The other said, But he lives far away in a remote town. It takes one full day to reach there. Let us wait until we hear something about him or he himself might come. But the first friend was so worried about their absent friend that he decided to visit him regardless of the suffering or the hardship he might face. After he performed the Fajr prayer, he set off to visit his friend. He covered a great distance on foot. While he was walking he met a man. The man asked him, Where are you going? He replied, to visit a friend of mine. The man said, Do you intend to have him do you a favor or give you money? He replied, No, excepting that I love him for the sake of Allah. Thereupon the man said, I am a Messenger to you from Allah to inform you that Allah loves you as you love him.

¹⁶ If you want to know how blooming your marriage is you have to answer the following questions:
a- Do you seek after bringing happiness to the one whom you love? Do you feel that you want to help him do what he loves?
b- Do you settle your arguments at once? Are you ready to disregard something of your pride while arguing with him or her?
c- Do both of you think together? Do you plan for your future together?
d- Do you feel that both of you have the same goal?

Marrying Young Ladies¹⁷

Qur'anic verses:

And women shall have rights similar to the rights against them, according to what is equitable;

[Al-Baqarah: 228]

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¹⁷ Some people may ask why the Prophet (pbuh) married 'Aisha in spite of the big age between him and her? Actually, This is an exception for the following reasons:

1- The Prophet's incomparable character: 'Aisha was given the choice and she chose the Prophet (pbuh).

2- The political goal behind that marriage: To strengthen the relationship with Abu Bakr.

3- The righteousness of 'Aisha.

4- The Prophet (pbuh) was strong as many as forty men

5- Such marriage had great influence on the field of knowledge and the transmission of the prophetic traditions. Many scholars of *Hadiths* have considered her an authentic narrator. She narrated 2210 Hadiths. She had also contribution in the field of jurisprudence. She used to give her opinions on religious rulings during the caliphate of Abu Bakr, Umar, and Othman (may Allah have mercy on him all). The people used to ask her and she gave her answers from behind a screen. Abu Salama ibn Abd Al-Rahman said, I have never seen anyone so much versed in the prophetic traditions, or with such profound understanding of Sharie'a (Sacred Law) than `Aisha whenever people asked her. She was most knowledgeable of occasions and circumstances of Revelation as well as the integrals of Islam. 'Urwa ibn Al-Zubair, 'Aisha's nephew, narrated, I kept the company of 'Aisha and I have never seen anybody so much versed like her in Quran, injunctions, Sunnah, or poetry. She was also unsurpassed in narrating Hadiths, Arab history, or Arab ancestry, so on and so on, let alone the judicial matters and medicine. We have to put into our consideration big age between the spouse may lead to misunderstanding and dissatisfaction. The old man however strong cannot satisfy a young lady because she needs more than he can do.