

he is your Paradise or Hell-fire.  
[Reported by Ahmad and Al- Hakim]

## **Take Care of Women**

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) then set out and the Quraysh did not doubt that he would halt at al- Mash'ar al-Haram (the sacred site) as the Quraysh used to do in the pre-Islamic period. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh), however, passed on till he came to Arafat and he found that the tent had been pitched for him at Namirah. There he got down till the sun had passed the meridian; he commanded that al-Qaswa should be brought and saddled for him. Then he came to the bottom of the valley, and addressed the people saying: Verily your blood, your property is as sacred and inviolable as the sacredness of this day of yours, in this month of yours, in this town of yours, Behold! Everything pertaining to the Days of Ignorance is under my feet completely abolished. Abolished are also the blood-revenges of the Days of Ignorance. The first claim of ours on blood-revenge which I abolish is that of the son of Rabi'ah ibn al-Harith, who was nursed among the tribe of Sa'd and killed by Hudhayl. And the usury of the pre-Islamic period is abolished, and the first of our usury I abolished is that of Abbas ibn Abdul-Muttalib, for it is all abolished. Fear Allah concerning women! Verily you have taken them on the security of Allah, and intercourse with them has been made lawful unto you by words of Allah. You too have right over them, and that they should not allow anyone to sit on your bed whom you do not like. But if they do that, you can chastise them but not severely. Their right upon you are that you should provide them with food

and clothing in a fitting manner. I have left among you the Book of Allah, and if you hold fast to it, you would never go astray. And you would be asked about me (on the Day of Resurrection), (now tell me) what would you say? They (the audience) said: We will bear witness that you have conveyed (the message), discharged (the ministry of Prophethood) and given wise (sincere) counsel. He (the narrator) said: He (the Holy Prophet) then raised his forefinger towards the sky and pointing it at the people (said): "O Allah, be witness. O Allah be witness," saying it thrice.

[Reported by Muslim]

A believer is not given to reviling, cursing, obscenity, or vulgarity.<sup>56</sup>

[Reported by Ahmad]

## **The Responsibility of the Spouse Towards Each Other**

### **Qur'anic verses:**

{O ye who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern and sever, who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah, but do (precisely) what they are

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<sup>56</sup> Spouses should disdain such bad properties that are difficult to remedy.

#### **You have an invaluable wife**

Have you ever calculated how much your wife spends monthly if she is a rational one and is not fond of imitating foreigners? She watches your children, cooks your food, washes and repairs your clothes. She is your secretary, psychiatrist and lawyer. When you come back at evening you often complain to your wife from the problems you face at work. She in turn starts to relieve you by having a bath together where you may sprinkle water against each other as a kind of kidding and caressing. You may also caress each other inside the bedroom. You may listen to a comic T.V show and have a cup of tea together. Would you feel tired after such a program?