



Salat Ashra Rishta Nata Excerpts

Day 1

Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) related that the Holy Prophet (saw) said:

“There are four reasons for which a man marries a woman; her wealth, her family background, her beauty, or her righteousness. You should however prefer a righteous woman. May Allah bless you with a righteous wife”

In this manner, he actually directed attention to the means of attaining righteous progeny and a harmonious home. If a mother is righteous, then usually the children are righteous. There is no wealth greater than the peace of mind that comes from virtuous and righteous children. Only a righteous progeny can bring honor for parents in an Ahmadi society, so every Ahmadi should pay attention to this.

Friday Sermon, 24 December 2004

Day 2

Some people, while looking for a match, examine a girl in such a way as they would examine a goat before its sacrifice. Marriage is a contract. It does not mean that one party is to be sacrificed; rather it is in the name of sacrifices made by both for each other's sake. This is the relationship referred to by the Holy Prophet (saw), as narrated by Hazrat Abdullah Bin Umro (ra) when he said: “This world is a provision for life and there is no better provision for life than a pious wife.” 10 So, people who conduct materialistic calculations should keep this Hadith in mind - that there is no better provision for life or materialistic world than a righteous woman. A righteous woman will safeguard your home and she will raise your children with high morals. As a result, you will inherit the blessings of both the religion and the world.

Friday Sermon, 24 December 2004

Day 3

The wisdom behind the announcement of the Islamic Nikah, where a man and a woman are tied into a new relationship, is that they agree that they shall most heedfully abide by the Divine commandments that are recited at the time. They will strive to act upon the commandments of those Qur’anic verses which are being recited at the time of the Nikah, so they can mold their lives according to those teachings. So, the first admonishment of these Qur’anic verses is to adopt Taqwa and follow righteousness. They agree to act upon the advice given at the time of the Nikah; they are giving their acceptance of the engagement under these commands. Therefore in reality, if they have true love and fear of their beloved Lord in their hearts, who fulfills their desires and needs not only at the time of their creation but also before that, then they will only do those works which can please Him and, as a result of this, they will be recipients of His blessings. Husband and wife are linked to each other by a covenant. If they promised to fulfil each other’s rights at the time of their Nikah, then it is their responsibility to further beautify this relationship, and to care for each other’s relatives.

Friday Sermon, 10 November 2006

Day 4

In some cases, the mutual relationship between husbands and wives is ruined because of unkind and offensive remarks from both parties. This is strongly disliked by Allah. Allah Almighty urges both husband and wife to fulfil their respective obligations. He says in the Holy Qur’an:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَّكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَّهُنَّ

“They are a garment for you, and you are a garment for them.” (2:188)

The Holy Qur’an uses the word “garment,” which means a source of cover for your body, as a source of adornment and protection from extreme weather. So, it is the responsibility of both the husband and wife to cover up the faults of their mutual relationship. Similarly, when a man or a

woman makes a pledge to the contract of marriage, then they must make their utmost effort to tolerate each other. They should cover up the faults and shortcomings of each other, and avoid bickering over petty little matters. The attitude and appearance of an Ahmadi married couple should be complimentary and they should be a role model for others.

Friday Sermon, 3 April 2009

Day 5

At times, some young married couples say that there is no mutual compatibility between them. On further investigation, it comes to light that neither of them had tried to understand their relationship seriously. They did not try to achieve the real purpose of marriage for which Allah has commanded His servants to get married. At times, it appears that they get married simply as a pastime. There is a tremendous lack of tolerance, and mountains are made out of mole-hills over petty matters. This leads to a critical situation between them. If they practice the teachings of Allah Almighty, and are not insistent in their personal egos and self-esteem, then such conflicts will never arise. If husbands and wives pledge that they will continue to be a source of comfort for each other in order to seek Allah's pleasure, then no problems will ever arise in their relationship.

Friday Sermon, 3 April 2009

Day 6

If your behavior does not match up to high standards of moral conduct, then you may be wasting your acts of worship. And what are the standards that Allah wants us to uphold? He says that standard requires that you show kind treatment to your close relatives. Married men and married women have close relatives through their wives and husbands. Close relatives of married men are the relatives of their wives, and close relatives of married women are the relatives of their husbands. Both women and men are commanded to show good treatment toward these relatives; both have been given the same commandment. When husbands and wives are treating each other's blood relatives kindly, when they are being good to the near and dear ones of each other, when they are trying to fulfil their responsibilities toward them, it is quite obvious that this in itself will increase love and affection between the husband and wife. When they make their best efforts to

fulfil each other's rights, Allah says that then you will become those who safeguard the ties of kinship, that is, the bond of blood relations, and thus you will become My favored ones.

Friday Sermon, 23 January 2004

Day 7

Once a friend's inconsiderate attitude and abusive language was being discussed; it was apparent that he treated his wife harshly. The Promised Messiah (as) was deeply grieved, distressed and angered. He said, 'Our friends should not be like that.' After that he discussed women's societal treatment for a long time and in the end said: "My condition is such that once I happened to call out to my wife loudly, but I felt that the loud call filled my heart with grief, even though no hurtful or harsh word was uttered from my tongue at that time. After that, I kept reciting Istighfar (seeking forgiveness from Allah) for a long time, offered Nafl (voluntary prostrations) with great humility and concentration, and also offered some Sadaqat (charity) as this harsh attitude toward my wife was the result of my hidden shortcoming regarding the commands of Allah."

Friday Sermon, 23 January 2004

Day 8

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

"Our Perfect Guide, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) said, 'The best among you is he who is best towards his wife.' How can one claim to be pious when he does not behave well towards his wife? Only the one who treats his wife in the best manner can do good acts and show kindness towards others." There are some who appear pious but have many shortcomings; they are not kind to their wives and their families. Society should not just look at the outward appearance, but look deeply at such individuals. He said, "... Only the one who treats his wife in the best manner can do good acts and show kindness towards others, not the one who hits his wife over the slightest excuse."

Friday Sermon, 4 July 2004

Day 9

The Holy Prophet (saw) advised husbands and wives to find good in each other. He said, if you find faults in each other, or do not like some habits, you may like some other of their habits that you will admire. Adopting selflessness, those good things should be kept in mind to keep a friendly and reconciliatory atmosphere at home. This advice is for both husband and wife. If both keep control on their emotions, then those petty small fights, which are always happening in the homes will stop and children will not be distressed. Sometimes these petty matters become very painful, and one is left wondering if there are some people in this world who are worse than animals.

Friday Sermon, 4 July 2004

Day 10

The Promised Messiah (as) has said:

“Husbands and wives should have the relationship of real, truthful friends. The first witness to a man’s good character and relation to Allah are these women. If they do not have good relations with them, then how is it possible they have good relations with Allah? The Holy Prophet (saw) has said, “One who treats his wife well is the best among you.”

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