

Chapter – 39

Family of Muhammad

صلى الله عليه وسلم

(اهل بيت)

❖ وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتِينَ الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا .

And remain in your houses and do not unveil yourselves like the unveiling, prevalent in the times of ignorance (before Islam); and keep the prayer established, and pay the charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger; Allah only wills to remove all impurity from the people of the Ahl-e-Bait (Prophet's Family), and make you utterly pure. (33:33)

The above verse of Quran revealed in connection with the Pure Wives of the Noble Prophet. This is for Ahl-e-Bait (Prophet's Family). Who is Ahl-e-Bait? In Quran the word Ahl-e-Bait is mentioned at many places. This means the utterly Pure Wives. --- *يُطَهِّرْكُمْ* grammatically depicts plural and masculine gender. In Arab dialect, the word 'family' always portrays masculine gender.

This is also to be understood that if there is a close relation with the Noble Prophet then there will be more strong binding and eventually also the term 'Ahl-e-Bait' is more applicable on them --- For a wife, husband is the closest attachment. Wife's children are considered as husband's offspring. Besides the utterly Pure Wives, the other relatives of the Noble Prophet are also among family.

Among them, closed relatives are Ali, Fatima, Hassan and Hussain (رضوان الله عليهم أجمعين). After them, Bani Hashim comes. Since the

house of Ali رضى الله عنه and the other three was separate therefore the Prophet has covered all four in his cloak and said, “O God! They are my family”. At this event, Ume Salmah رضى الله عنها (wife of the Prophet) tried to come into the cloak, on that the Prophet said:

أَنْتِ عَلَيِ الْخَيْرِ، أَنْتِ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِ النَّبِيِّ

(You are already included in this benefit; you are the wife of Prophet).

Those who do not believe on this, they keep the verses of Quran away and make them irrelevant.

This is also to be noted very clearly that آل فرعون means all the followers of Firaun. Similarly, آل محمد means, we all Muslims. And those who consider otherwise, this means they do not give any importance to the affiliation of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

When Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم married with Khadija-tul-Kubra رضى الله عنها, he was 25, whereas Khadijah رضى الله عنها was 40 years old. The entire young age of the Noble Prophet spent with Khadijah رضى الله عنها. At the time when Bibi Khadijah died the prophet's age crossed to 40.

In those days, generally, one tribe used to consider another tribe as mean. The tribe of Quraish, in particular, used to consider themselves of high status. That is why the Noble Prophet had married from different tribes so that, on account of the relation with the Prophet, people should not consider other tribes as low.

Other than Khadijah رضى الله عنها all wives were widows. The Noble Prophet had 9 utterly Pure Wives, but in all of them there were things conducive to good. ---- Remember! Criticism on Prophets is equivalent to a suicide.
