

Chapter – 48

Place of Women

(عورت کا مقام)

❖ وَلَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ -

Women also have recognised rights as men have, though men have an edge over them; and Allah is mighty, wise. (02:228)

❖ الرَّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ -

Men are the protectors and in charge of women, as Allah has made one of them superior to the other, and because men spend their wealth for the women. (04:34)

At this moment I want to draw your attention on some points. Look! Love descends from the Highest Heaven and settles down in the hearts. What this love used to do? Love eliminates distinction. It creates unity. It makes two to one. The main target of the Oneness of God is love. Just look at the children of mother and father are called brother and sister. Children of brother and sisters are nephews. Who are those fellows who can tell that “My children are yours and your children are mine”? They are husband and wife. Love has made two to one. It has eliminated the strangeness and reflects as:

من تو شدم تو من شدی

(I became you and you became me)

Money and valuables can be given by relatives, but nobody can give honor. Only wife has no hesitations to give her integrity.

Very Sad! These days love has been ousted from the city. Therefore, the previous sweetness of love is no more available. Wherever you see you will find bitterness, repellency, hate and enmity.

Dear People! Male and female pigeons or sparrows make their nest. They keep their children there. They bring food for them. Similarly husband and wife are supposed to live in a house and grow their children over there. It is customary that when anyone gives his time to someone then their breeding, nourishment, education and protection etc. becomes the responsibility of his master.

Just look at the nature of a woman. After her marriage she becomes pregnant. Her general health is affected. She starts sitting quite often. In this situation it becomes difficult to do the routine works of her house. ---- As soon as the baby is born the milk feeding begins. Taking care of the new child becomes her responsibility. Now, honestly speaking who will be liable to look after the financial matters of the family. Of course husband would do this. Husband has to earn and then wife and children will be fed. ---- Therefore what responsibilities of woman would be? Woman's obligations would be, taking care of house, upbringing of children, education, good manners and their character building.

Very Sad! Now what is going on? They live in hotels. Health is maintained in the hospitals. Baby is born in the hands of a male or lady doctor. After that, baby does not get mother's milk or mother's lap. Maid is made as baby-sitter. She gives milk to the baby in a bottle. Then what will happen?

جیسی روح ویسے فرشتے! جیسی آیا ویسی تربیت!

(‘Like Priest, like people’ - ‘like maid, like growth’.)

If horse-baby is fed with cow's milk, later it will sit in muddy puddle. Similarly, after drinking cow's milk how a baby would display humanly behavior? When a baby never gets parent's laps then why he will love with them?

Nowadays the situation came to this stage that husband is on job and wife is also on job. One goes this way and the other goes that way. ---- Husband is fallen sick. He is flickering. He is feeling very uneasy. And wife is telling, “This is the time to go to club, I am going. Look Maid! You take care of him well.”

Previously, wives used to cook. They used to work for domestic affairs. They used to stitch cloths of whole family. They never permit to give personal clothing to any men tailors. Mostly, laundry also used to be handled in the house. Now the kitchen is run by a cook. Stitching of cloths is done by a tailor. Laundry is given to a dry cleaner. ---- Entire wastage of money! Absolute disaster of health! Total spoiling of bringing up! ---- Now where is moderation? Where is peace? And where is satisfaction?

Dear People! This basic point must be remembered that one should have knowledge of those things which are needed. More than that is useless. The essential works of a woman are cooking, taking care of health, proper bringing up of children, providing initial education for children, and getting education of indispensable items. No doubt complete awareness of all these things is vital. As man is to be or should be a soldier, woman may have some share of military tactics. As men have their rights, similarly women have their rights. But it does not mean that women can do 4 marriages with men at a time, as men do.

Look! In Verse 02:228 quoted above there is a word **مِثْل** (similar or alike) but ahead of it there is another word **بِالْمَعْرُوفِ** (with due fairness or in a reasonable manner), means in the manner which was customary during the period of Noble Prophet. Currently, if any new tradition is invented then it will not be acknowledged as Islamic.

Look at another Verse 04:34 that say, “Men are the protectors and maintainers of women”. What is this protection? Men have to guard, bring up, cherish, nourish, breed, educate and patronize the whole family. He is responsible to arrange finances for all these requirements. It is obvious that any financier will govern too.

Dear People! Presently, at one side the creation of new independent countries is increasing, and on another side the movement of women’s independence and equality is also spreading widely. But one has to consider the difference in natures of men and women. Men are born for different purposes and the women are created with different aims. One is responsible to earn money and to nourish and the other is supposed to spend money wherever required. Is it so that women are created to earn? No! Not at all! The recent increasing trend of earning money by women is mainly because of men who became idle, useless and worthless. ---- Look! Now where is this **بِمَا أَنْفَقُوا** {because men spend their wealth (04:34)}.

Those women who get education equal to men they become mentally weak. They lose their abilities to become pregnant and for proper nourishment of children. Moreover, both men and women get education but men's potential and woman's aptitude is not comparable. No doubt some women appear potentially capable but they are very few. Specific statements can be given on majority and not on few exceptions. Some hens do crow but such examples are very rare. --- Is there any example when woman became God's Prophet?

Look! Compared to lady cook, a chef can prepare more delicious foods with variety. A tailor can stitch fashionable cloths better than woman. Male singers are more famous than female singers. --- Those women who claim to contest with men, why they do not become soldier and fight and give their lives in wars? Why they do not come forward to show their bravery?

Remember that the arms of men are different and weapons of women are different. Their delicacy, their beauty and their amorous gestures are their weapons. For what reason women leave their doings and adopt men's activities?

Look! Everybody should do their own duties. Husband should work hard and earn money. Wife should spend this money on appropriate places. Women should take care of children. If man is doctor then wife may become nurse. If woman goes opposite to the nature she will never be successful.

Presently children are taken care of by maids. They are fed with powdered milk. These poor fellows do not know how vital mother's breast feeding is. They miss mother's lap. Those who are grown up in the hands of maids how they will get pride, courage and self-respect ---?
