

## Para 4.75 to 6

**Surah al-Nisa (Chapter 4: Women). Madinan. 176 Verses. Over 3 Paras.**

Begin Surah al-Nisa to end of Para 5.

Chapter of women: The rulings and matters relating to women are abundantly explained.

Mentions many rights and responsibilities different people of society have. Allah has commanded us to have good conduct towards one another in society. Imagine having a society where everybody hates one another and infringes the rights of one another.

**Allah spread many *men* and *women* in the Earth**

يَأْيُهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ  
مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ  
عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ۝

*O people! Fear your Lord who created you from a single soul (Adam), and from it created its mate (Hawwa), and from the pair of them spread many men and women (far and wide). And fear Allah by whom you make requests to one another (for your rights), and fear (the severing of) the ties of kinship. Verily Allah is a continuous Watcher over you.*

The Prophet ﷺ said: “The mercy of Allah does not shower on that community in which there is someone who severs the ties of kinship.” [Mishkat al-Masabih]

## Inheritance

فَرِيضَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ۝

*These shares are allotted from Allah. Indeed, Allah is all-Knowing, all-Wise. [Qur'an 4:11]*

When a person dies:

1. Cost of the burial and the shroud is taken.
2. Any debts are repaid.
3. From up to a third of the wealth, the lawful bequest is paid. Only up to a third so the rights of the heirs are not infringed.
4. Then the leftover wealth is distributed amongst the heirs according to the rules set by Allah.

Islam is the first religion on the face of this earth that declared women and children to be heirs and entitled to receive inheritance. The then Prince Charles said “In Britain at least, some of these rights were novel even to my grandmother’s generation!” [Islam and the West]

The rights, honour and dignity Islam gave to women in particular, no other religion or system will ever be able to give those rights to them. Before Islam, women had endless duties, but

had no rights. She was treated like an animal and treated like mere property even though she is an important member of the human race. Islam openly announced that she has rights to ownership and to money, and that men have rights over women and women have rights over men. Women received honour and dignity through Islam, if any Muslim tries to seek honour and dignity from outside of Islam then the end result is only shame and disgrace. Men and women must know their rights and responsibilities and fulfil their responsibilities.

### **Tawbah**

*“Allah only accepts the repentance of those people who do evil in ignorance, then they repent shortly afterwards, so they are the ones whose repentance Allah accepts (through His generosity and kindness). And Allah is all-Knowing, all-Wise.” [Qur’an 4:17]*

The best time for repentance is as soon as you commit and realise you have done something wrong because there is no guarantee of tomorrow, the next salah or even the following hour.

### **Good conduct to Parents**

*“And worship Allah, and do not associate anything with Him, and be good to the parents, and be good also to the relatives, and the orphans, and the needy, and the neighbour who is a relative, and the neighbour who is a stranger, and the companion by your side, and the travellers, and the slaves in your legitimate possession. Indeed, Allah does not like the one who is proud, (and) arrogant.” [Qur’an 4:36]*

The Prophet ﷺ said: “The father is the best door from amongst the doors to Paradise. If you want, you can discard it (by disobeying him); or if you want, you can preserve it for yourself (by obeying him).” [*Sunan al-Tirmidhi*]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Paradise lies beneath the feet of the mothers.” [*Kanz al-‘Ummal*]

In other words, serve and look after the mothers and make yourself worthy of Paradise.

### **Tayammum (verse 43)**

Method of tayammum: Make the intention to purify yourself, recite *tasmiyyah*, strike the hands onto anything from the genus of the earth and wipe the hands over the face, strike the hands again and wipe both arms up to and including the elbows.

### **The Islamic greeting of peace (*salam*)**

*And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet in return with what is better than it, or (at least) return the same greeting. [Qur’an 4:86]*

The greeting specific to Muslims is *al-salamu ‘alaykum* (may every form of peace be upon you). This is a comprehensive greeting and dua.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and your belief is not complete until you love one another. Shall I not inform you of a deed acting upon which you will begin to love one another. Spread *salam* among yourselves.” [*Sunan al-Tirmidhi*]

Other topics in this Chapter: Rights of Orphans, Polygyny, polyandry, *mahr*, slavery, good conduct to neighbours, etc. [Sublime Word Vol 1, by Shaykh M I H Pirzada]