

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE****CHASTITY: ASPECTS AND IMPACTS**

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, who exhorted his servants to preserve their chastity and purity and forbade them from what is evil and indecent. Glory be to Him, who made chastity an innate quality of the prophets and saints and with it, he promised a never-ending affluence and blessings. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, who promised those chaste to be surrounded by God's assistance and protection, as well as under his blessings and care, and that Muhammad (Pbuh) , his servant and messenger, who was sent as a mercy to the worlds and a guidance for all mankind. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family , companions and whoever trusted his guidance and follows his Sunnah to the day of judgment.

Servants of God !

How it is good to adhere to the guidance of our religion and how it is wonderful to embrace the manners the Master of all Messengers! We say on the ears of the worlds/ (we say it openly) [Indeed, my Lord has guided me to a straight path – a correct religion – the way of Abraham, inclining toward truth. And he was not among those who associated others with Allah]<sup>1</sup> . There is no better than Halal (lawful) and subsistent provision for people and no better attributes better than that of modesty and chastity, as chastity is the characteristic of the prophets , the feature of the scholars and the crown of triumph for righteous saints. With it the life of mankind is appropriate, their rights are preserved and their culture of life is built. Whoever chaste is someone who is content with what the Lord has bestowed upon him and who does not ask for what is not allocated to him, so he lived honorably and died healthily and properly .O Muslims, let us make chastity a constant quality and a solemn attitude in us.

O Muslims !

The Holy Book contained some gracious verses beckoning Muslims to the morals of chastity .Among these verses two which address the financial aspect so that Muslims should guard their chastity from the money of others and whatever does not belong to them. Furthermore, another verse tackles the issue of sexual chastity as well as the love of money and desires , two

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<sup>1</sup> sourate Al-An'am/161

instincts which are spoken of in the Holy Quran [beautified for people is the love of that which they desire – of women and sons, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses, and cattle and tilled land. That is the enjoyment of worldly life, but Allah has with Him the best return]<sup>2</sup>.

Islam is a religion which takes into account innate instincts and inherent characteristics; therefore it devoted the morals which refine those instincts. Thus, moderation of the instinct of love of money is chastity. Allah the almighty says concerning those in charge of the property of orphans [And whoever, [when acting as guardian], is self-sufficient should refrain [from taking a fee]; and whoever is poor – let him take according to what is acceptable.]<sup>3</sup>. Chastity means to abstain from whatever is deemed needless and to refrain from begging on the roads and in front of mosques gates because it is a blameworthy and shameful conduct (causes loss of face). Those people who no one knows about their need and lack of money except God are praised in Quran. Nonetheless [an ignorant [person] would think them self-sufficient because of their restraint]<sup>4</sup>.

In terms of sexual issues, the Holy Quran talked about marriage and preached it. However, the only thing to do for whoever does not find the means because of lack of money and shortage to fulfill its requirements is to rise above the causes of desire, change the mind and thinking, turn to beneficial interests and take refuge in chastity. The almighty God says: [And let those who do not find the means to marry keep chaste until Allah enriches them out of His grace.]<sup>5</sup>

O people!

Chastity is a conduct which leads only to what is good, and results only in righteousness and facilitation of affairs. Almighty God provided us in his revered book with some examples of pious and chaste people, who thanks to their bashfulness held the highest credited ranks and God will level them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth and the righteous. Here comes the example of Moses, the prophet of Allah (Pbuh), when he went to the land of Madyan and was exhausted due to travel fatigue and hardships and even though he was discredited by his people, God sent him the glad tidings and gave him relief after distress. [And when he came to the well of Madyan, he found there a crowd of people watering [their flocks], and he found aside from them two women driving back [their flocks]. He said, "What is your circumstance?" They said, "We do not water until the

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<sup>2</sup> Surat 'Āli 'Imrān/14

<sup>3</sup> Surat An-Nisā'/ 6

<sup>4</sup> Surat Al-Baqarah/273

<sup>5</sup> Surat *Al-Nūr*: 33

shepherds dispatch [their flocks]; and our father is an old man. So he watered [their flocks] for them; then he went back to the shade and said, "My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need." Then one of the two women came to him walking with shyness. She said, "Indeed, my father invites you that he may reward you for having watered for us." So when he came to him and related to him the story, he said, "Fear not. You have escaped from the wrongdoing people]"<sup>6</sup>. Thus Allah rescued him with his grace and guided him to his goal up to his goodwill. And here also comes the example of Joseph the righteous (Pbuh) who was about to be the victim of a plot arranged against him by the wife of the great Aziz unless he kept his chastity and remembered the blessings of the Lord on him. Therefore, God bestowed on him the rewards of the world and the hereafter. [And when Joseph reached maturity, we gave him judgment and knowledge. And thus we reward the doers of good. And she, in whose house he was, sought to seduce him. She closed the doors and said, "Come, you." He said, "[I seek] the refuge of Allah. Indeed, he is my master, who has made good my residence. Indeed, wrongdoers will not succeed. And she certainly determined [to seduce] him, and he would have inclined to her had he not seen the proof of his Lord. And thus [it was] that we should avert from him evil and immorality. Indeed, he was of our chosen servants].

O believers!

The Sunnah of the Prophet contains numerous evidences about chastity, one amongst the qualities of Islam, and its advantages. In the Hadith (prophet's saying) about the seven whom Allah will shade in His Shade on the Day when there is no shade except His Shade (( a man who is called by a woman of beauty and position [for illegal intercourse], but he says: 'I fear Allah',)). Almighty God says in the Holy Quran [But as for he who feared the position of his Lord and prevented the soul from [unlawful] inclination, Then indeed, Paradise will be [his] refuge]"<sup>7</sup>. Chastity is the key for answering the supplications and avoiding risks, as stated in the story of the three persons who took shelter in a cave when a rock slipped down from the mountain and blocked the exit. One of them estimated that the only way for deliverance left is to beseech Allah in the name of some virtuous deed. Therefore, when the woman pleaded "Fear Allah", he regretted the situation and just let her go away in respect of the majesty of God and sensing His control. These kinds of texts give evidence on the highness of the self,

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<sup>6</sup> Surat Al-Qaşş/23-25

<sup>7</sup> Surat An-Nāzi'āt/40/41

nobility of the attitudes and transcendence to forbidden desires. His almighty says: [But for him who fears the standing before his Lord, there shall be two Gardens]<sup>8</sup>

O Muslims Fear God and keep your chastity wherever you are and maintain it in all your speeches and deeds and remember the stories of those chase before you [To those whom God has guided. Follow, then, their guidance]<sup>9</sup>

I say this saying of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, and to the rest of the Muslims, so ask Him for forgiveness, He is the forgiver, the Merciful and call upon Him, He will respond to you, as Allah is the most generous.

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Endless Praise be to Allah, a praise uttered and heard limitlessly, and I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, who decreed chastity to his followers and that Muhammad (Pbuh) is his servant and messenger and peace be upon his family , companions add followers to the day of judgment.

O mankind! Fear Allah and do know that when He sent his holy book to Hercules, the Byzantine Roman Emperor , urging him to Islam, Hercules asked those who came to him about the state of the prophet and some of the issues he wanted to know about this new religion .Including his inquiries was ((“What does he order you to do?”)) (i.e. the prophet (Pbuh) ? so, Abu Sufyan replied ((He tells us to worship Allah, and Allah alone, and not to worship anything along with Him, and to renounce all that our ancestors had said. He orders us to pray, to speak the truth, to be chaste and to keep good relations with our kith and kin.)).Whereby, the value of chastity in this religion is consolidated, and its necessity in the conduct of Muslims is confirmed .It is hardly surprising the prayer of the prophet (Pbuh) which says : ((My Lord, I ask from You guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.)).

Actually, chastity is not just a feeling, it is rather a comprehensive moral code on which human beings ‘conduct is based and from which originate his virtues and qualities, and his vision of life is developed. Therefore, he keeps chastity in perceiving the world and makes his way amongst people according to its principles. Chastity is a moral behavior which a father at home, a woman among her family, an official at his work, a traveler abroad, a student at his school, and everyone wherever they are, should maintain. And whoever turns away from it loses whatever good and his aftermath will be great loss.

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<sup>8</sup> Surat Ar-Rahman/46

<sup>9</sup> sourate Al-An'am/90

O Muslims fear Allah , and show chastity in your behavior so that you get closer to your Lord who will , together with his angels, overwhelm you with his affection and does decree for you acceptance on earth , good reputation and proper religion and standing.

So, send your blessings upon the leader of Messengers, as Allah has ordered you in the Holy book by saying: [Indeed, Allah and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings on him and greet him (with) greetings]<sup>10</sup>.

O Allah! Send Your mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. And send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. Verily You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.

O Allah! Be content with his Righteous Caliphs, his wives mothers of believers, his companions all together and the believers, men and women to the Day of Judgment, and be content with us too by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful.

O Allah! Bless our gathering here today and make us disperse in peace and in protection from sin and not to make us deficient in our religion.

O Allah! We ask you guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.

O Allah! We ask you to grant each of us honest tongue, humbled penitent heart, righteous deeds, useful knowledge, firmly belief, pure faith and lawful and blesses sustenance. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! And grant support and unity to Islam and Muslims, O Allah! Let down tyrants and infidels. O Allah! Grant peace and security to all your servants.

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! Grant us long-lasting safety and stability in our homeland! Grant glory to our Sultan and support him with the truth and make him a guide to truth.

O Allah! Send upon us rain from the sky in showers and make us among those who remember you during day and night and who seek your forgiveness during evening and dawn.

O Allah! Bestow us the blessings of the sky and the bounties of the earth and bless our fruits and crops and our entire livelihood. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Give us in this world good and in the Hereafter good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

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<sup>10</sup> Surate Al-Ahazab 56

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! We have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

O Allah! Forgive all the believing men and women, those of them who were living and those of them who were dead, you are the most hearing and respondent.

Slaves of Allah! [Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may remember.]