

Marriage, tranquillity and the work of mercy

The Quran describes marriage with tranquillity, affection and mercy. Those gifts are nourished by daily conduct, not secured by a wedding day.

CENTREPIECE Surah ar-Rum 30:21, Surah an-Nisa 4:19

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Marriage is meant to become a place of rest

Allah names tranquillity, affection and mercy among the signs found in marriage (ar-Rum 30:21). A spouse should not have to perform strength at home all the time. The home should offer safety from the hardness of the world.

Source: Quran 30:21

2. Kind treatment is an obligation, not a mood

Allah commands spouses to live together with recognised kindness (an-Nisa 4:19). That includes speech, money, privacy, intimacy, family boundaries and the way conflict is handled when affection feels strained.

Source: Quran 4:19

3. Mercy must be visible in the routine

Notice the work your spouse carries. Apologise without adding a defence. Discuss decisions before they become announcements. Seek qualified counselling before resentment hardens. Mercy is a feeling, but it is also a schedule of reliable actions.

SECOND KHUTBAH

State clearly that patience does not require anyone to remain silent about abuse or danger. Safety, trusted support and qualified guidance should be sought when harm is present.

Suggested closing: O Allah, place tranquillity, affection and mercy in our homes. Protect spouses from cruelty and neglect, and teach us to fulfil each other's rights with excellence.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Have one calm conversation this week about a responsibility, need or hurt that has been handled through hints instead of honest words.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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