

Summarised Friday Sermon

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Love & Care Starts From Home; Remarriage

- Remarriage could be one of the options a divorcee might make. The Holy Prophet s.a.w. said: “I am most fearing of God amongst all of you, and I am also the most pious. Yet I fast and I break my fast, I pray and I rest, and I marry women. Whomever does not follow my sunnah (my way), then they are considered to not be amongst us.”
- Thus marriage is something that is encouraged in Islam. Feelings of love also need to be shared amongst the rest of the family members; and they are: the children from the previous marriage.
- Remarriage has become an issue because it is something that is complex as it does not only involve the two spouses; but it also indirectly involves the children and it affects their feelings too. Their relationship with their birth-parent changes, and at the same time, they are learning to welcome and accept a new kind of relationship with their new step-parent.
- One of the things children in this particular situation dream of is the possibility of their birth-parents getting back together again; and for this reason, most of the times the children are disappointed and saddened. Looking from their outer expressions, it may seem as though they are happy, but truthfully, they cannot hold back their feelings of sadness and disappointment in wanting to have their original family back.
- This is in fact a reality that happens in a family that experiences divorce, which often goes through the process of remarriage with a new spouse afterwards and there is no easy way in handling this issue. There are no shortcuts and we need to take our time and never rush in making big decisions like these.
- To approach this problem, we will also need to develop patience and give advice with great wisdom. In the Holy Qur'an Allah s.w.t. mentioned: “Call people to the way of your Lord with wisdom and gracious teaching
- Step-parents should act as a bridge that connects their new step-child to its original birth-parent, so that some form of communication still goes on between the two. And in doing so, it also means that remarriage does not mean the end and the extinction of the child's previous family relationships.
- Rebuilding a new family that has experienced a break-up with a previous one is a good first step, however there will always be ups and downs, good times and bad times. So it's all a matter of being prepared mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Lastly, please be aware that love and compassion is not what separates between birth-parents and step-parents. It is in fact a gift and a blessing to all of mankind.



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