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*Status of Women
in Islam*





Women in the Jahiliyyah Period

During the Jahiliyyah period, the society truly looked down on women. In the period before the arrival of Islam, women were considered unimportant. To the point of having a daughter was considered as the biggest disaster.

Whoever had a daughter, their daughter would be buried alive. The society was afraid that having a daughter would bring them poverty, dishonor, and also negativity.

That awful custom was practiced by all levels of society, both the poor and the noble.





A famous figure of the Arabs named Qais bin Ashim Al-Minqari told Rasulullah that he had buried more than ten daughters.

Umar bin Khattab, a close friend of the Prophet, was no exception. He also had buried his daughter. He regretted that after he got to know the light of Islam.

Meanwhile, Rasulullah was different. He was very proud to have daughters. In fact, at that time, he was not yet appointed as a messenger.

When Rasulullah conquered Mecca, he gave an advice to the whole community. So they would not murder their children. Islam is indeed a religion that glorifies women.



Words of Wisdom from Quran

And when one of them is informed of (the birth of) a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief. He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide. (Q.S. An-Nahl: 58-59)





Islam Came to Change Everything

After the arrival of Islam, things began to change. Tyranny against women was eradicated. Islam confirmed that women are equal to men.

The verses that state women are equal to men:

- ✦ And their Lord responded to them, "Never will I allow to be lost the work of (any) worker among you, whether male or female; you are of one another." (Q.S. Ali Imran (3): 195)
- ✦ Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward (in the Hereafter) according to the best of what they used to do. (Q.S. An-Nahl (16): 97)

Women are also called to believe in Islam. Just like men. They also get punishments for breaking the rules. All commands such as salat, zakat, and fasting are also charged to all people, whether they are men or women.

However, there are natural conditions in which women are not obliged to perform the commands (such as salat and fasting). So, there are differences for men and women. Let's study together!



Asiyah, Pharaoh's Wife

Pharaoh was a very unjust king. He liked to force his will to his people. In fact, Pharaoh dared to declare himself as God who must be worshiped by all of his people.

However, despite being very powerful, Pharaoh was incapable to force his wife, Asiyah, to believe in him. Asiyah had her own thoughts. Asiyah did not want to worship Pharaoh, her husband. But, she chose to believe only in Allah although she must sacrifice her life for the sake of her belief.

Therefore, Allah glorified Asiyah. Asiyah belonged to the group of four women who were guaranteed to go to heaven by Allah. The three others were Maryam bint Imran (the mother of Prophet Isa a.s.), Khadijah bint Khuwailid (Rasulullah's wife), and Fatimah bint Muhammad saw. (Rasulullah's daughter).

Bravely, Asiyah opposed Pharaoh. Pharaoh was angry and he sentenced Asiyah to death.



Words of Wisdom from Quran

"And Allah presents an example of those who believed: the wife of Pharaoh, when she said, 'My Lord, build for me near You a house in paradise and save me from Pharaoh and his deeds and save me from the wrongdoing people.'" (Q.S. At-Tahrim: 11)

Need to Know:

Women have the freedom to think and have faith in a belief they consider true.





Top-Ranking Student in the Class

Today, Abidah is very happy. She receives a school report card. Her hard work to study diligently is paid off already. Abidah becomes the class' top-ranking student. She surpasses all her friends.

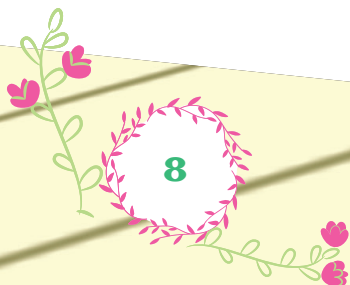
"Congratulations, Abid. You can beat Andi," her friends congratulate her.

"Thank you," says Abidah.

Abidah can become a top-ranking student because she studies hard. It does not matter whether someone is a man or a woman. Both men and women have the same opportunity in pursuing knowledge. So, don't hesitate to keep learning!

Words of Wisdom from Quran

"And do not wish for that by which Allah has made some of you exceed others. For men is a share of what they have earned, and for women is a share of what they have earned. And ask Allah of His bounty. Indeed Allah is ever, of all things, Knowing." (Q.S. An-Nisa (4): 32)







Whose Turn of Classroom Cleaning is It?

Early in the morning, Abidah has arrived at school. It is still quiet. Not many children have come yet. Abidah soon puts her bag on her chair. She reaches for the broom. Abidah starts sweeping the class.

Today is not her turn of cleaning the classroom. However, she does not want to waste any opportunity to do good things.

After sweeping, Abidah takes an eraser. She sees that the green board is still dirty. But, the board is too high. Abidah lifts a chair. So she can erase the green board to the very top.

"Abidah, today is not your turn to clean, right?" asks Naila who has just entered the class.

"No, it isn't," Abidah shakes her head.

"Then, why are you cleaning? It's not your duty. Besides, erasing the board is the boys' duty," says Naila.

"It is okay. I just want to help," Abidah says while smiling.

"I'm surprised by you. You want to clean the class though it's not your responsibility," says Naila.

"I just want to do good things. That's all," says Abidah.

"Look, the one who is responsible to clean just came in," says Naila while pointing at Yaya who is walking in a hurry.

"Sorry I'm late," Yaya says.

"Your task has been taken over by Abidah," Naila says.



“Alhamdulillah, thank you Abid,” says Yaya. “Next time I will help you when it’s your turn to clean,” says Yaya happily.

“It’s okay,” Abidah says while smiling.

She is satisfied because today she has done a little kindness.

Whether it’s male or female, every day we must try our best to do good things.



Let's look at the words of wisdom from Quran on the next page.





Words of Wisdom from Quran

For them who have done good is the best (reward) and extra. No darkness will cover their faces, nor humiliation. Those are companions of paradise; they will abide therein eternally.
(Q.S. Yunus (10): 26)

Need to Know:

In Allah's view, women have the same status as men.

They have the same rights in terms of:

- ✿ Doing good deeds,
 - ✿ Getting rewards,
 - ✿ Pursuing knowledge, and
 - ✿ Inheriting the wealth of their parents or relatives according to Islamic rules.
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