

LOVE FOR FAMILY

Sayyiduna Al-Aswad reported: *“I asked Sayyidah Ayesha what the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) used to do at home? She said: ‘He used to keep himself busy serving his family and when it was time for the prayers, he would get up for prayers.’”* (Bukhari)

The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: *“There is no greater charity than a man’s spending his money for the members of his own family”*. He further said: *“Gift and charity to the poor kinsmen bring double rewards than that to strangers”*. And he said: *“He who joins (blood-tie) is not a perfect man, but it is he who joins blood-tie when it has been torn asunder”*. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: *“No mercy descends upon the person among whom there is one who disregards the ties of blood”*.

Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) had a great love and affection for his own children. Whenever he took a journey or returned from it, he used to see his beloved daughter Sayyidah Fatima. Whenever she came to him, he used to stand up and make her sit by his side and kiss her on forehead.

Sayyiduna Anas reported that the Holy Prophet of Islam (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) used to go every day on foot to *Awali*, a place 3 to 4 miles off from the town of Madina to see his son Sayyiduna Ibra’heem who was being brought up there at that time. He used to take him in his lap and kiss him.

Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) was the most ideal husband and pleasant companion. His treatment with his wives is the most exemplary. As a husband of an old wife, as a husband of a young wife, as a husband of a widowed wife, as a husband of many wives, as a husband of a wife living in foreign land or in foreign faith, the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) was a true ideal and a model for mankind. In the whole period of his married

life, he did neither administer a single rebuke to his wives, nor give a beating even with a slight a thing as a tooth-stick. His treatment with them was the most cordial. He regarded them as co-partners in happiness as well as in distress, but never the idea crossed the threshold of his mind that they were for his sexual luxury.

He used to say: *“The best of the commodities of the world is a virtuous wife.”* And he said: *“The best of you are those who are the best of you to their wives”*. He further said: *“Prayer, perfume and wife have been made a solace to my eyes. Everything with which a man plays is unlawful except his sporting with his wife.”*