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Marriage: The Sacred Bond

Marriage and Spousal Relations in the Quran

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Introduction

Marriage in the Quran is not presented as a social convention or a legal formality. It is described as a sign of Allah, a bond of tranquility, and a garment that covers and protects. The Quran speaks of marriage in language that is both practical and deeply spiritual — it addresses the rights and duties of spouses with clarity, but it also describes the emotional and spiritual bond between husband and wife as something divinely placed.

This book examines what the Quran says about marriage — from the creation of pairs, through the contract and its conditions, to the rights, responsibilities, and challenges that come with the bond. It draws primarily from the Quran as its source, with Hadith (sayings of Prophet Muhammad) clearly distinguished where referenced. The goal is to present the Quranic guidance on marriage in a clear, organized form, without adding to what the text says or speculating beyond it.

The Quran addresses marriage across numerous surahs. The guidance covers the purpose of the bond, the manner of entering it, the relationship between spouses, the resolution of disputes, and the difficult question of when and how a marriage ends. Each of these topics is treated with specific commands and principles, and together they form a comprehensive framework for understanding marriage as the Quran presents it.

This is the first book in the Life in the Quran sub-series of the NurOne series. Each book in this sub-series covers one area of everyday life as guided by the Quran. The books stand alone but share a common approach: drawing directly from Quranic verses, distinguishing confirmed sources from interpretation, and presenting the guidance in a form that anyone can follow.

Let us begin, as the Quran begins the discussion of marriage, with the creation of pairs and the purpose of the bond.

Chapter 1: The Purpose of Marriage

The Quran presents the existence of pairs as a fundamental principle of creation. In Surah Al-Zariyat, Allah says:

"And of all things We created two mates, that perhaps you would remember" (51:49).

This verse establishes a pattern that runs through the Quranic understanding of creation — the world is built on complementarity. Day and night, sun and moon, land and sea, male and female. The pairing is not accidental; it is intentional, and it points to the Creator.

In Surah Al-Naba, Allah says:

"And We made you in pairs" (78:8).

This is stated as a blessing, a sign of divine care. The human being is not created to be alone. The Quran makes this explicit in the story of creation, where Allah says:

"And We created you from a single soul and from it made its mate, that he might find rest in her" (7:189).

The purpose stated here is rest — not merely physical companionship but emotional and spiritual ease. The Arabic word used is sukun, which carries the meaning of stillness, tranquility, and peace. Marriage is the means by which this rest is found.

In Surah Al-Rum, the Quran elevates marriage beyond a social arrangement and places it among the signs of Allah:

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them, and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reflect" (30:21).

This single verse contains three of the most important concepts in the Quranic understanding of marriage:

First, the spouse is created "from yourselves" — meaning the bond is between equals, not between a superior and a subordinate. The Arabic term min anfusikum indicates that the mate is of the same essence, the same nature, the same dignity.

Second, the purpose is sukun — tranquility. Marriage is meant to be a source of peace, not a source of constant conflict. The ideal of marriage in the Quran is not mere coexistence but genuine rest in the presence of the other.

Third, Allah places between the spouses mawaddah (affection, love) and rahmah (mercy, compassion). These are not described as human emotions that come and go; they are described as something Allah places — a divine gift that sustains the bond when human effort alone would falter.

The verse concludes by calling these "signs for a people who reflect." Marriage, in the Quran, is an opportunity for spiritual reflection. The love and mercy between spouses points to something beyond the relationship itself — to the mercy of the Creator who designed it.

While the Quran emphasizes the spiritual and emotional dimensions of marriage, it also addresses the practical dimension of protection. In Surah Al-Nur, Allah says:

"And those who guard their private parts except from their wives or those whom their right hands possess, for indeed, they are not to be blamed. But whoever seeks beyond that, then they are the transgressors" (23:5-7, and similarly 70:29-31).

Marriage is the means by which intimate relations are made lawful. The Quran does not treat this as a minor matter — it frames sexual relations outside of marriage as a transgression. Marriage is the boundary that makes intimate life permissible and protected.

In Surah Al-Nisa, the Quran describes marriage in terms that go beyond a mere contract:

"And how could you take it while you have gone in unto one another and they have taken from you a solemn covenant?" (4:21).

The phrase "a solemn covenant" (mithaqan ghalithan) is significant. The same word mithaq is used in the Quran to describe the covenant between Allah and the prophets. Marriage, in this verse, is not a casual agreement that can be entered and exited lightly — it is a weighty, solemn covenant, made before Allah, witnessed by the community, and binding on both parties.

This understanding of marriage as a covenant shapes the entire Quranic approach to the relationship. The spouses are not merely partners in a transaction; they are parties to a covenant that carries moral and spiritual weight.

The Prophet Muhammad is reported to have said in a well-known Hadith:

"Whoever Allah provides with a righteous spouse, He has helped him with half of his religion. Let him fear Allah regarding the other half." (Reported by Al-Tabarani)

This Hadith, while not from the Quran, reflects the Quranic understanding that marriage is not separate from faith — it is a part of it. A marriage built on the principles the Quran outlines is a means of fulfilling one's faith, not a distraction from it.

The purpose of marriage, as the Quran presents it, is multifaceted: it is a sign of Allah, a source of tranquility, a means of protection, a solemn covenant, and a part of the believer's spiritual journey. It is not merely a social institution; it is a divinely guided bond that, when entered with the right intention and maintained with the right principles, brings the believer closer to the purpose for which they were created.

The Quran presents marriage not only as a social institution but as a spiritual path. In Surah Al-Rum, Allah describes the creation of spouses:

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them, and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought" (30:21).

The word sukun — tranquility, stillness, peace — is the Quranic description of what marriage provides. It is not excitement or passion that the Quran highlights first, but tranquility. The home is meant to be a place of peace, a refuge from the noise and struggle of the world. The spouse is not merely a companion for life's tasks but a source of the peace that allows both partners to remember Allah, to worship, and to grow.

The verse continues with mawaddah (affection, love) and rahmah (mercy, compassion). These three — tranquility, affection, and mercy — form the Quranic foundation of marriage. Tranquility is the environment; affection is the emotion; mercy is the action. When all three are present, marriage fulfills its spiritual purpose: it becomes a sign (ayah) of Allah's creative wisdom, a living evidence that the One who designed human nature also designed the relationship that completes it.

The person who enters marriage with this understanding — that it is a sign of Allah, a path to tranquility, and a means of spiritual growth — approaches the relationship with a seriousness that goes beyond romance. They are not merely seeking a partner; they are seeking to fulfill a divine design, to live a sign, and to build a home that reflects the peace that Allah intended when He created the first pair.

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