



THE HOLY QUR’AN 33:36

“Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him – Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward.”



The Friday Sermon

Excerpts from Friday Sermons delivered by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), the fifth Khalifa (successor) to the Promised Messiah (as) and the supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Message from ‘National Additional Secretary Tarbiyyat & Waqf-e-Jadid for New Ahmadis’

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa RahmatAllahi Wa Barakatahu,

It is with great pleasure that I bring you another newsletter of 2025!

We pray that this newsletter is of value to all new Ahmadis and helps you to strengthen your faith, come close to Allah Almighty, and follow the beautiful practice (sunnah) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

This issue focuses on a significant topic: Women in Islam. It will delve into the status of women prior to the era of the Holy Prophet’s life and the transformation of the

situation of women that took place during his time as a prophet.

We will also look at the sayings of the Promised Messiah^{as} and the current Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba}, on the status, dignity, and treatment of women.

We welcome your thoughts—please share your feedback via the email listed below. May Allah Almighty bless you all abundantly.

With a humble request for prayers, Wasalam (with peace),

Jonathan Buttenworth



WOMEN IN PRE-ISLAMIC ERA

Before the prophethood of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} women in Arab socieity held no status and possessed no rights. It was considered honorable to terminate the lives of baby girls, with various methods employed, including burying them alive and strangulation. Only a biological mother was recognized as a true mother, while stepmothers did not hold that title; consequently, a son could marry his stepmother following his father's death without any restrictions. Polygamous unions were prevalent, with no limitations on the number of wives a man could have. Additionally, a man could marry multiple sisters simultaneously. The children born to slave women were also classified as slaves.



‘WOMEN RIGHTS’ AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAM

Islam granted women rights to inheritance, divorce, wealth, education, and personal agency over 1400 years ago. The Holy Quran (4:33) affirms: “Men shall have a share of that which they have earned, and women a share of that which they have earned.” Women inherit as mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters—with their share remaining solely theirs.

Marriage in Islam requires a woman's consent and upholds mutual respect, love, and kindness. The Quran beautifully describes spouses as “garments for each other” (2:188) —offering comfort, protection, and dignity. The Prophet Muhammad^{saw} emphasized: “The best of you is he who is best to his family.” Jami’ At-Tirmidhi, vol. 1, Book 7, hadith 1162

Muslim women have the right to choose their spouse, seek divorce, express opinions, pursue education, and live independently. Spiritually and intellectually, they are equal to men, with full potential to attain closeness to God.



HADITH

Hazrat Anas bin Malik narrated, that “The Holy Prophet^{saw} said, ‘I sometimes begin the prayer intending to prolong it, but when I hear a child crying, I shorten the prayer, knowing the anguish his mother feels because of his crying.’” Bukhari Just before the death of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw}, one of the injunctions he addressed to Muslims and laid stress upon was that they should “always treat women with kindness and consideration.” It was an oftpeated saying of his that “if a man had daughters and he arranged to have them educated and took pains with their upbringing, God would save him from the torment of Hell.” Tirmidhi

Muhammad^{saw}: The Great Exemplar

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His Holiness^{aba} said that this battle took place in Shawwal 8 AH. It is called the Battle of Hunain because this battle took place in a town called Hunain located 26 km from Makkah. This battle is also called the Battle of Hawazin, as the Hawazin Tribe took part in large numbers. It is also called the Battle of Utas, as during the battle, many from the enemy side fled to a place called Utas, where the Muslims followed and defeated them. Some historians have mentioned Utas as part of a seperate expedition. Huzoor^{aba} has said that the Battle of Hunain has been mentioned in the Holy Qur’an as follows: ‘Surely, Allah had helped you on many a battlefield, and on the day of Hunain, when your great numbers made you proud, but they availed you nought; and the earth, with all its vastness, became straitened for you, and then you turned your backs retreating. Then Allah sent down His peace upon His Messenger and upon the believers, and He sent down hosts which you did not see, and He punished those who disbelieved. And this is the

HAZRAT KHADIJA^{RA}:
A WOMAN OF STRENGTH
AND RESOLVE

Hazrat Khadija^{ra}, the first wife of Prophet Muhammad^{saw}, was the first woman to embrace Islam. Known for her integrity and business acumen, she earned the titles Ameera-Quraysh (Princess of Quraysh) and al-Tahira (The Pure One). Her admiration for the Prophet’s honesty led her to propose marriage, despite a 15-year age difference. Throughout the early trials of prophethood—persecution, boycott, and rejection, she stood unwaveringly by his side. She offered both emotional and financial support, using her wealth to aid oppressed Muslims. Her legacy remains one of devotion, dignity, and courage. Hazrat Khadija's influence extended far beyond her lifetime. Her support helped establish the foundations of Islam during its most vulnerable period. As a role model of faith, resilience, and generosity, she continues to inspire generations of Muslims, especially Muslim women, who see in her a powerful example of leadership, conviction, and compassion.

felt that this louder-than-normal voice of mine was mixed with sentiments of grief. Even though I had said no hurtful or harsh words, I later sought forgiveness from God continuously for a very long time. I offered voluntary Prayers with great humility and lowliness, and gave alms as well; for I felt that the sternness I had shown to my wife was due to some unconscious weakness in my obedience to God Almighty.”

RECOGNITION OF
WOMEN RIGHTS IN THE
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM
COMMUNITY

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba} has always championed Human rights, including the rights of women. During the concluding address at the National Lajna and Nasirat Ijtema 2023, Huzoor^{aba} spoke about how important and capable women are, both in faith and in society. He commented that , “May it be that your sacrifices and unwavering loyalty to your faith come to be recorded in the history of Islam.” Huzoor^{aba} also emphasized

equality by stating that “No Ahmadi Muslim woman should ever consider herself inferior to any man or remain hidden in his shadow. In all respects, men and women are equal.” This challenges any idea that women are less than men and reminds us that both have equal value. Furthermore, he said that: “It is certainly true that, according to the commands of Allah the Almighty and the Holy Prophet^{saw}, women must play a fundamental role in safeguarding their home and family environment, especially in terms of raising their children. When it comes to the important role women play in the socieity, His Holiness^{aba} referred to a saying of Hazrat Musleh Maud^{ra}: “Ahmadi Muslim women must also help their communities and share the teachings of Islam.” Adding to this, Huzoor^{aba} made the following distinct point: “Propagating the message of Islam is a task that is not solely assigned to men, but equally women too.” This shows that women are just as responsible and capable when it comes to spreading their faith. Huzoor^{aba} words shows the strength of Ahmadi women, honouring their role in faith, family, and the socieity.

reward of the disbelievers.Then will Allah, after that, turn with compassion to whomsoever He pleases; and Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.’ The Holy Qur'an 9:25-27. said that the background of the battle was that after the Conquest of Makkah, majority of the Arabian tribes had either accepted Islam or had accepted the leadership of the Holy Prophet^{saw}.




Please note: The above excerpts are from the summary of the sermon, please listen to the full Friday sermon via the official website of the [Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

UK National Lajna and Nasirat Ijtema & Majlis Ansarullah Ijtema (annual gathering) 2025
Fri 26th Sun 28th Sept





UK Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ijtema (annual gathering) 2025
Fri 19th Sun 21st Sept

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PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}:
IN HIS OWN WORDS

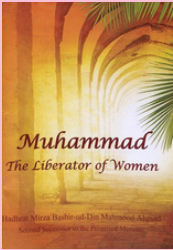


The following is a thoughtful moment, where the Promised Messiah^{as} reflects on the importance of compassion and accountability, offering a quiet yet powerful lesson in honoring women through humility and spiritual self-awareness:
“As for me, I once raised my voice to my wife. At the time, I

Huzoor's aba address to Lajna Ima'llah During Jalsa Germany 2025

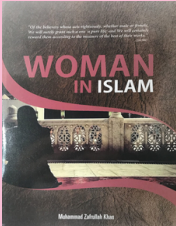


LITERATURE



Before Islam, women lacked rights and dignity. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) proclaimed their equality, ending oppression and granting freedom. His teachings empowered women spiritually, socially, and personally.

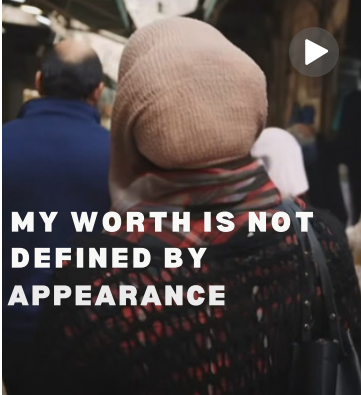
by Hazrat Mirza Bashir ud Din Mahmood Ahmad^{ra}



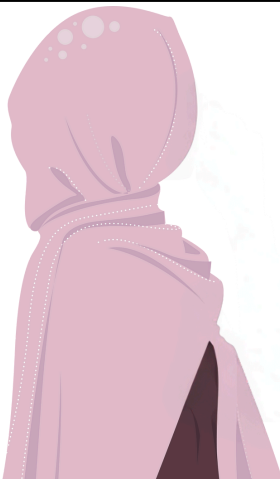
Islam granted women unprecedented rights, promoting equality in spiritual, moral, and economic spheres. This booklet explores those teachings.

by Sir Zafrullah Khan

Objectification of Women- Documentary - Jalsa Salana UK 2025



CONVERTS ACCOUNT



Watch sister Amina Ali's story [here](#)

Lajna Ima'llah: Celebrating 100 years

