

Being Good to Women

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Al-Miqdaam bin Ma`dee Karib narrated that the Prophet stood among the people (and gave a speech), praising Allaah then saying:

"Allaah commands you to be good to women, Allaah commands you to be good to women, for they are your mothers, your daughters, your maternal aunts. A man from the People of the Book marries a woman without any thread in her hands yet neither of them parts from the other [until they both pass away in old age]."

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ الله) said: "His statement: 'without any thread in her hands' alludes to her being young and poor. In An-Nihaayah: 'Al-Harbee said: i.e. due to her youth and lack of gentleness, so he would have patience with her until they would both pass away in old age. The intent was to urge his companions to follow the command regarding women and to have patience with them, i.e. the People of the Book would do that with their women.'

I say: They used to do so when they had good character and piety even with a changed religion. Today, on the other hand, they forbid divorce -which Allaah has allowed- and allow fornication and even homosexuality openly!"