



# Preservation of Family

As a fundamental goal of the Shariah

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# Summary of Previous Lessons

- The goals of Islamic Law are called Maqasid al-Shariah.
- The primary goal is the attainment of benefit and the prevention of harm.
- The goals are divided into necessities, needs and luxuries.
- The Shariah revolves around the protection of the five necessities – faith, life, intellect, wealth and family.
- This week we will discuss the protection of family.



# Preservation of Lineage (Nasab/Nasl)

- A primary goal of the Shariah is the preservation of lineage.
- This means that every human has the right to a legitimate lineage, and to knowing who their ascendants/descendants are.
- The preservation of lineage is necessary for the continuation of the human race and for the preservation of Islam.
- This is primarily achieved through avoiding Zina and through marriage.
- The preservation of honour and family are the results of preservation of lineage and therefor secondary.

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# Preservation of Honour (Izzah)

- A primary goal of the Shariah is the preservation of honour.
- Honour is needed to live a good life and to achieve inner peace and happiness.
- Honour includes modesty, good character and chastity.
- When a person loses their honour, they their ability to understand what is good or evil.
- Honour is primarily achieved through marriage, and through avoiding zina.
- Preserving lineage and family are results of preserving honour.

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# Preservation of Family (Ahl)

- A primary goal of the Shariah is the preservation of family through preserving lineage and honour.
- This is achieved through the Shariah laying down fundamental rights and responsibilities of every member of a family.
- The family is the nucleus of civilization, destroy families and you destroy civilization.
- When children are raised by honourable parents properly, they have a better chance of reaching their full potential.
- The revival of family is necessary for the revival of the ummah.



## Examples of Preservation of honour, lineage and family

- Zina (and whatever leads to it) is prohibited in order to protect lineage, honour and families.
- Marriage is recommended in order to protect lineage, honour and families.
- Every member of a family has rights and responsibilities.
- Islam emphasizes good treatment of family members.
- Islam emphasizes good character, modesty and living an honourable lifestyle.
- Islam sets specific roles for husbands and wives so that society can function optimally.



## The dangers of not preserving honour, lineage and family

- Confusion about lineage creates a variety of psychological and social problems.
- Lack of harmony in the family, or lack of family altogether, leads to poor upbringing.
- Confusion about gender roles causes the breakdown of the family structure, and especially affects children.
- Lack of honour and modesty opens the door to every evil.
- When families are weak, the ummah is weak.

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# Practical Benefits

- ▶ Embrace the gender roles laid down by Shariah, while ignoring cultural misunderstandings.
- ▶ Teach the younger generation the joys and benefits of marriage, and the dangers of a zina lifestyle.
- ▶ Assist young people in getting married and growing into people worth marrying.
- ▶ Avoid Zina and everything that leads to it.
- ▶ Make one's family a priority in one's life and serve them with honour.



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