



Protecting our children before it's too late

A call to recognise the dangers to our children's īmān and urgently take responsibility for safeguarding their future

ALLAH SAYS:

إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِّنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ ۚ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ

"Do you approach men with desire instead of women?
Rather, you are a transgressing people."

AL-QUR'ĀN, 7:81

Brothers and sisters, our children are growing up in a world we did not grow up in. This is a world where what Allah called fāhisha is now called "identity", where what He prohibited is now celebrated as "freedom".

Your child, be that your son or daughter, is being told in school, online, and through society: gender is fluid, same-sex relationships are normal, intimacy outside marriage is fine! Slowly, quietly, without us even realising, their understanding of right and wrong is being rewritten.

By no means is this a small matter. This is not to be neglected in any circumstance. In fact, this is a direct clash with Islam. Allah destroyed entire nations for normalising these sins.

And today, these same ideas are being taught to our children as *truth*. Note this carefully: not suggested but told; not debated but indoctrinated. Taught. Normalised. Celebrated.

How can we be calm about this? When our children are being shaped by values that oppose Allah's commands? How can we sit back and relax when secular schools, corrupt algorithms, and an immoral media are allowed more time and influence over our children's minds than we are? While modesty is mocked! While zina is accepted! While misguidance is forcefully planted in innocent minds!

This should anger us. It must anger us. Anger for the sake of Allah; anger to protect our families, because they are not just exposing these things to our youth — they are

indoctrinating them. They are clearly rewriting the boundaries of halal and haram. And if we remain silent, we are complicit in the taking of our children's innocence.

Listen carefully, if we do nothing, we are in real danger of losing our children in the most important way of all, their Hereafter.

They may still pray, fast, carry Muslim names, but this is all on the outside. On the inside? Their beliefs altered. Their values diminished. Their understanding infected. And on the Day of Judgment, we will stand before Allah, and we will be asked:

"What did you do to protect them?"

Allah entrusted these children to us — an amānah.

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID:

فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ

"Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you is responsible for his flock."

MUTTAFAQUN 'ALAYHI

On a Day when deeds will be exposed, regrets will surface, and excuses will not be accepted, will we say: "We were busy", "We didn't realise", or "We trusted others"?

Or will we say: "Ya Allah, we tried." Brothers and sisters — fathers and mothers — we are making that decision right now.

SO, WHAT MUST WE DO?

1. Reclaim our homes

- Speak to your children openly
- Teach them Islamic values clearly
- Do not outsource their upbringing

2. Be proactive, not reactive

- Know what they are being taught
- Challenge false narratives respectfully but firmly
- Build their confidence in Islam

3. Strengthen their identity

- Love of Allah
- Love of the Prophet ﷺ
- Pride in being Muslim

4. Control environments

- Monitor media, schools, influences
- Surround them with righteous company

5. Make du'ā constantly

Because no matter what we do, guidance is from Allah alone.
Despite all of this, we are not helpless.

ALLAH COMMANDS US CLEARLY:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ
نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones."

AL-QUR'ĀN, 66:6

If we step up, if we take this command seriously, if we turn back to Allah...
He will protect our children.

All nations have faced trials throughout history and, every time, those who held firmly to the truth were saved. So be from them. Stand firm. Protect your homes. And remember, this is a battle for the hearts of our children. The stakes couldn't be higher.