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*In The Name Of Allâh,
The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿صَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطٍ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَصَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١١﴾ وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا وَكُنْتِ مِنْ الْقَانِنِينَ ﴿١٢﴾﴾

"Allâh sets forth an example for those who disbelieve: the wife of Nûh (Noah) and the wife of Loût (Lot). They were under two of our righteous slaves, but they both betrayed them (their husbands by rejecting their doctrine). So they [Nûh (Noah) and Loût (Lot)]  availed them (their respective wives), not, against Allâh, and it was said: "Enter the Fire along with those who enter!" And Allâh has set forth an example for those who believe, the wife of Fir'aun (Pharaoh), when she said: "My Lord! Build for me a home with You in Paradise, and save me from Fir'aun (Pharaoh) and his work, and save me from the people who are Zalimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers and disbelievers in Allâh). And Maryam (Mary), the daughter of 'Imrân who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into (the sleeve of her shirt on her garment) through Our Rûh [i.e., Jibrâil (Gabriel)], and she testified to the truth of the Words of her Lord [i.e., believed in the

Words of Allâh: "Be" – and he was; that is 'Īsā (Jesus) – son of Maryam (Mary); – as a Messenger of Allâh], and (also believed in) His Scriptures, and she was of the Qanitūn (i.e., obedient to Allâh).'^[1]

^[1] *Qur'ān* 66: 10-12.

Introduction

All praise is for Allâh, Who has created the heavens, raised the believers in rankings, forgiven them their sins, prepared for them gardens in Paradise, and sent down abundant blessings upon His slaves.

Women account for half of society's members, but numbers alone are not enough to account for their important role in society. If one wants to measure the moral rectitude of any given society, one need only look at its women. Society is made up of its sum parts – families and individuals. And if a woman is righteous and good, she will have a profoundly positive effect on her family and children; and in turn, her parents will be known for their goodness as well. Conversely, if a woman is base and corrupt in her manners, her children will likely grow up to be very similar to her in character – so imagine an entire society that consists of such women.

The reality of an Islamic family life is this: a husband goes out to pray in congregation and to toil for long hours in order to bring lawful sustenance back home to his family. Meanwhile, his wife is left behind to play her role as the mother of their children, and as the custodian and manager of their house. She, as the woman of the

