



## Fatherhood In Nahj Al-Balagha

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### ARTICLE INFO ABSTRACT

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds, and the most pure and perfect greeting, to the fountain of wisdom, the mirror of greatness, and the savior of this nation, Muhammad, the Messenger of Mercy, and to his good and pure family. And after; I enjoyed his research into this revelation of the underlying semantic roles of fatherhood, taking from Francisco rhetoric the field of its application, supervising the convention of entering this construction, and agreeing with the verbal clues that participated in the same context. I admit that this small research is nothing but an experiment in the methods of the Arabic language, which God endowed with His Qur'an, hoping that it would be a shining light in the sky of its sciences. He tried to choose words without counting them. If I am correct, then God is the guardian of my success and my success is only through Him, even if it comes, playing a trait. Humans.

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### Introduction

Definition of fatherhood linguistically and idiomatically Fatherhood in the language: (Father) is originally (abu) with the opening of the ba because its plural is (fathers), such as a qafa, aqafa, a raha, and a rha, so the word going from it is a waw because you say f. In the Deuteronomy (Abuan), it is also plural of Abun, fathers, father, and fatherhood. Father: The father is the one who caused something to be created, to appear, or to be repaired<sup>(1)</sup>

That is why the Prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him, is called the father of the believers. God Almighty said: "Call them by their fathers. This is fairer in the sight of God. But if you do not know their fathers, then they are your brothers in religion and your friends." There is a blame upon you for that in which you have erred, but only for what your hearts intended. And God is Forgiving, Merciful<sup>(2)</sup>, {And in some Readings: (The Prophet is closer to the believers than their own selves, and his wives are their mothers, and he is their father.)<sup>(3)</sup> He referred to this by saying: "Every lineage and lineage will be cut off on the Day of Resurrection except my lineage and lineage<sup>(4)</sup>

### First:

The meanings of fatherhood in the Holy Qur'an. Derivatives of the word "father" are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an in 118 places<sup>(5)</sup>, including:

1. God Almighty's saying: {When Yusuf said to his father, My father! Indeed, I saw eleven stars, and the sun and the moon. Religion<sup>(6)</sup>}
2. And God Almighty said: {And give me a warning to your father Have you worshiped Him who neither hears nor sees, nor is he of any use to you<sup>(7)</sup>}
3. And His saying .{ They said, "You have come to us that we should worship God alone and to abandon what our fathers worshiped. Then bring to us what you promise us, if you are of the truthful ones."<sup>(8)</sup>}
4. And the Almighty says:{ They said, You are nothing but human beings like us. You wish to avert us from what our fathers worshipped, so bring to us clear authority<sup>(9)</sup>}
5. And God Almighty says: { Take this shirt of mine and throw it upon me. My face is clear, and bring to me your family all together<sup>(10)</sup>}
6. And God Almighty says {O you who have believed, do not take your fathers or your brothers as friends if they prefer disbelief to faith. And whoever of you befriends them - those are the unjust. The moon.<sup>(11)</sup>}
7. And God Almighty says: {Call them after their fathers. This is fairer in the sight of God. If you do not learn from their fathers, then they are your brothers in religion and your allies. And there is no blame upon you

in what you have sinned.” Do you follow it, but whatever your hearts intend, and God is Forgiving, Merciful<sup>(12)</sup>

8. And God Almighty says: {They said, “O Salih, you were hoped for among us before this. Do you forbid us from worshipping what our fathers worshiped, and indeed we are in doubt as to what you are calling us to.” Why is he suspicious<sup>(13)</sup>}

### **The father is mentioned in the Qur’an in four ways<sup>(14)</sup>:**

#### **The first:**

in the sense of grandfather, and from it is the saying of God Almighty: {And strive in God; He has named you Muslims from before in this, so that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and that you may be witnesses over the people, so establish prayer, and pay zakat, and hold fast to God. His is your master, so what a good deed your master has done, and what a good helper you have done<sup>(15)</sup>}

meaning: your grandfather, so he established the grandfather in the lineage as a father, and God Almighty said in the story of Yusuf ibn

And likewise, { your Lord will bring you down and teach you the interpretation of the hadiths and will bestow His blessing upon you and upon the family of Jacob, just as He completed it upon your parents before. Rahim and Isaac: Indeed, your Lord is All-Knowing, All-Wise. {So he called the grandfather and his father father, because Isaac was the lowest grandfather of Joseph, and Abraham was his highest grandfather, and both of them are his parents, and the fathers of man are his grandfathers, no matter how high they are. God Almighty said: They are the first ones<sup>(16)</sup>}

#### **The second:**

{meaning uncle Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, “What will you worship after me?” They said, “We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Jesus.” Mael and Isaac are one God, and to Him we submit<sup>(17)</sup>}

And Ishmael was not one of his fathers, but rather his paternal uncle, and the Arabs call paternal uncle.

#### **The third:**

The mother and the father are called the parents, as in the verse on inheritance: { God enjoins upon you regarding your children. To the male is a share equal to the share of two females. And if there are more than two women, then to them is two-thirds of what he left<sup>e</sup>”. And if it is one, then she gets half, and to his parents, each of them gets a sixth of what he leaves, if he has a son<sup>e</sup>. If he does not have a child and his parents inherit from him, then to his mother is a third<sup>e</sup>. If he has brothers, then to his mother is a sixth<sup>e</sup>. After a will he makes And a religion - your fathers and your children - you do not know which of them is closer to benefiting you - an obligation from God. Indeed, God is All-Knowing, All-Wise<sup>(18)</sup>}

And the parents are the parents, meaning the father and the mother, as in the Almighty’s saying: “And when We made a covenant with the Children of Israel: ‘You shall worship none but Allah, and be good to parents, and to relatives and orphans. the poor, and speak kindly to the people, and establish prayer and pay zakat, then you turned away, except for a few of you, and you turned away<sup>(19)</sup>”

The aunt is a mother, as in the hadith of Al-Baraa bin Azib, may God be pleased with him, on the authority of the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, who said: (The aunt is in the same position as the mother.)<sup>(20)</sup>

On the authority of Ibn Omar: (A man came to the Prophet and said: O Messenger of God, I have committed a great sin. May I repent? He said: “Do you have a mother?” He said: No. He said: “Do you have an aunt?” He said: Yes. He said: So explain it.)<sup>(21)</sup>

#### **Fourth:**

Father, with emphasis on the meaning of pasture (plenty of fruit and father)<sup>(22)</sup>

It is what animals eat. Ibn Katheer said: As for the fruit in this verse, it is the fruit with which it is digested. Ibn Abbas said: Fruit: everything that is eaten fresh. The father is what the earth grows, which animals eat and people do not eat - and in a narration about it: it is the hashish for livestock. Mujahid, Saeed bin Jubair, and Abu Malik said: Father: pasture. On the authority of Mujahid, Al-Hasan, Qatada, and Ibn Zaid: A father is to animals like fruit is to the sons of Adam. On the authority of Ataa: Everything that grows on the face of the earth has a father. Al-Dahhak said: Everything that the earth grows except fruit is a father<sup>(23)</sup>

Evidence of paternity in Nahj al-Balagha

We have noticed that the meanings of fatherhood in the Holy Qur’an do not deviate from the four meanings, and all of them combine one meaning, which is legitimate authority, considering that the father is the example and role model and has paternal leadership, which entails the right to act in the interest of the child according to the rule of God, especially since history conveys that one of the titles of Imam Ali, He is the father of orphans

because of the compassion and paternity she bears for Muslim orphans and the concerns she bears for their children. What is strange about the matter that the researcher noticed is that all of the Imam's sermons, may God bless him and grant him peace, are devoid of a word that verbally refers to fatherhood or sonship. The explanation for this, according to my belief, is that he left this word to be perceived and felt. The recipient, because it is more of a feeling than just a word used, and perhaps the Imam wanted to tell the Muslim rulers to make their subjects feel their fatherhood to them and their sonship to them, and not to use many words, but rather to implement them.....

The symbols of fatherhood in Nahj al-Balagha were not far from Qur'anic fatherhood, but unfortunately researchers had not addressed it before. It was evident in many of the commandments and speeches of the Commander of the Faithful, may God's prayers be upon him, or even in all of them, but they differed according to the occasion and according to the requirements of the situation of the addressee. These are definitely qualities that the Imam did not have. May God's prayers be upon him, he reverses it in vain, but rather to establish a sound and correct value system represented by the formation of a correct Islamic basis for the Muslim family, due to the seriousness and importance of this term (the term fatherhood) in the life of the entire nation and its future.

Since the father is the focus of education and the focus of creating a family, therefore the Islamic hadiths emphasize the correct construction of the family, and from the first step where a man marries a woman, Islam advises him to choose a woman of good origin and noble morals, if he wishes to establish a Muslim family and to produce good offspring for him, thus preserving Islam. The man's right to be a father, giving him the right to master his family, and commanding the woman (the wife) to obey him and carry out his orders in a manner consistent with the satisfaction of God Almighty. If we look at the examples of paternity that appear in the speeches of the Commander of the Faithful, may God's prayers be upon him, we notice that he, may God bless him and grant him peace,

He has presented to us an example of the head of the family, the role model father and the true maker of generations, and then what can create a successful generation capable of producing an impenetrable dam that protects the Muslim front from the dangers that surround them today. The main reason is to move away from the superior qualities and their implications that we received in Nahj al-Balagha, and fatherhood has become transmitted to us. In a wrong way, it manifests itself in Western concepts that are far from our religion, our East, our culture, and our values. Fatherhood has become associated with the term masculinity, tyranny, dictatorship, racism, and every insult and dhimmi attribute that has been maliciously attached to Islam and maliciously to the guardian of the greatest Messenger Muhammad.

It is part of the West's plan to attack the nucleus of society, which is women, and to promote the culture of dissolution and decadence by attacking the most important value in society, which is the father, by attacking him first, distancing him from his values, and mobilizing the idea that fatherhood is domination, oppression, masculinity, and dictatorship, which is what allowed the woman who is under his control to revolt and emerge. Regarding the patriarchal borders, which the West portrayed as restrictions, therefore, unfortunately, the colonial culture succeeded in striking our families to the core by exporting to us the wrong fatherhood. Therefore, the researcher tries, in these few lines, to restore to the man his true value, and to fatherhood, its true concept and from its true sources. Let us contribute, even if only by a step, to restoring the integrity of the Muslim family. And restore its prestige by restoring the dignity and true dominance of fatherhood.

It is important here to point out that the word paternity or father was not mentioned in a text in Nahj al-Balagha. Rather, the researcher worked to hide the characteristic of fatherhood every time he recommended it. Sometimes he recommended it as an imam and a careful father, sometimes he recommended it as being the role model and role model, and sometimes he preached as a caring and compassionate father to his flock, and sometimes he recommended it. Being the fearful and defending his flock and being the father who knows and teaches his flock the affairs of their world and the best of their hereafter.

If we follow the speeches of the Commander of the Faithful, may God's prayers be upon him, we will find that he did not use the word "son" or any word that indicates fatherhood, but rather, may God's prayers be upon him, he took on the characteristics of true fatherhood, exuding in his words their tender meanings...

Among the examples of fatherhood in his sermons:

1. The father, the teacher, the sheikh, the educator (Servants of God, if people are sincere to themselves, they are obedient to their Lord, and if they are deceitful to themselves, they are disobedient to their Lord, and those who are deceived by their deceit And the blessed is the one to whom his religion is safe, and the happy is the one who is advised by something else, and the wretched is the one whose desires are deceived, and know that hypocrisy is driven by polytheism, Sitting with people of inclination is forgetfulness of faith and a preparation for Satan Avoid lying, for it is alien to faith. The truthful one is on the verge of salvation and dignity, and the liar is on the verge of abyss and humiliation. And do not be envious, for the sense It consumes faith as fire consumes wood, and do not hate one another, for it is the same thing. And know that hope makes the mind distracted and makes one forget the remembrance, so this is true. Have hope, for it is arrogance, and its owner cocky<sup>(24)</sup> Here we notice the character of the father, the educator and teacher, whose concern is for his child to be in the best possible way, and he uses all forms of expression to convey his fear for his child (his flock) from the fire of hell.

2. The careful father And I ask God, with the vastness of His mercy and the greatness of His power, to enable me and you to do what pleases Him, to abide by the clear excuse for Him and for His creation, with good praise for His servants, a beautiful impact on the country, complete blessing, and diminishing dignity, and to seal for me and you with happiness and martyrdom. I seek Him.)<sup>(25)</sup> And once again, the upper fatherhood is revealed. About the great care and compassion for the parish
3. The All-Knowing Father (He is the sincere advisor who does not deceive, the guide who does not go astray, the innovator who does not lie, and no one has sat with this Qur'an except that he has done something more than him. Or a decrease, an increase in guidance, or a decrease in blindness, and know that there is no need for anyone after the Qur'an, nor for anyone before the Qur'an. It is abundant, so seek healing from it for your ailments and seek help from it for your protection, for in it is a cure for the greatest. The disease is disbelief, hypocrisy, error, and misguidance, so ask God about it and turn to Him with His love, and do not ask His creation about it, for He does not turn away the burden. Return to God Almighty with a similar example, and know that He is an intercessor, the one who intercedes, and a truthful speaker, and that whoever the Qur'an intercedes for on the Day of Resurrection, it will be interceded for, and whoever replaces it will be interceded for. The Qur'an on the Day of Resurrection He has been approved for, for on the Day of Resurrection a caller will call out, "Indeed, every plowman is afflicted in the neighborhood of his estate, and the outcome of his work is other than the tillage of the Qur'an, so be of his tillage." And follow him, and direct him to your Lord, and seek his advice concerning yourselves, and accuse your opinions against him, and indulge your desires in him
4. Father, role model and example (By God, I had no desire for the caliphate, nor any desire for guardianship, but you invited me to it and forced me to do it, so when I failed... It came to me and I looked at the Book of God and what He had prepared for us, and He commanded us to judge by it, so I followed it, and the Prophet did not recommend it - may God bless him and grant him peace. May God be upon him and his family - so I followed his example, and I did not need your opinion in that matter, nor the opinion of anyone else, nor was there a ruling of which I was ignorant, so I consult you and my brothers. Of the Muslims; if that had been the case, I would not have turned away from you, nor from anyone else<sup>(26)</sup>)
5. A compassionate father (O my son, remember four and four things from me, and what you do with them will not harm you: The richest of wealth is reason. The greatest of poverty is foolishness. And the most desolate of loneliness is arrogance (2). And the most honorable is good morals, my son. Beware of befriending a fool, for he wants to benefit you and harms you. Beware of befriending a stingy person. For it keeps away from you what you are most in need of, and beware of befriending the immoral person, for he will sell you for something trivial (4). And beware of befriending a liar, for he is like a mirage, which brings you closer to the far away and farther away from you the near<sup>(27)</sup>) And close to him is the compassionate father. (As for what follows, disobeying a compassionate, knowledgeable, and experienced advisor brings regret and follows remorse. I have given you my command in this government, and I have sifted for you the stock of my opinion. If it had been obeyed, it would have been short-lived! So you refused to treat me like harsh dissenters and disobedient rejecters, until the advisor doubted his advice. Al-Zand pressed his glass, so you and I were like what Hawazin's brother said: My command commanded you to turn to the crook but you did not seek advice until the morning of the next day
6. The Giving Father (The zakat of knowledge is its dissemination, the zakat of prestige is its dedication, the zakat of a dream is endurance, the zakat of virtuous wealth, the zakat of fair ability, the zakat of beauty chastity, the zakat of nails benevolence, the zakat of the body jihad and fasting, the zakat of left-handedness, honoring one's neighbors and maintaining family ties, the zakat of health striving in obedience. God, the zakat of courage is jihad in the path of God, the zakat of power is relief to the distressed, the zakat of blessings is the invention of kindness, the zakat of knowledge is giving it to those who deserve it and exerting oneself in working with it<sup>(28)</sup>)
7. The Advising Father (O people, I have a right over you and you have a right over me. As for your right over me, it is to give you advice, and to provide your food for you, and to teach you that you will not be ignorant, and to discipline you so that you may learn. As for my right over you, it is to fulfill the pledge of allegiance and to advise you in the present and in the evening. And to respond when I call upon you. And to obey when I command you <sup>(29)</sup> O people, break through the waves of temptation with ships of salvation, and emerge from the path of discord, and set up crowns of glory. Most successful is he who rises with wings or surrenders.) So this gave fresh water and a morsel that the one who eats it and the one who gathers the fruit for other than the time of its ripening is overwhelmed, like a sower without his land<sup>(30)</sup>)
8. Father Preacher (I urge you to be pious, diligent, and worshipful, and renounce this ascetic world of yours, for it is a wasteland, an abode of disappearance and disappearance. How many have been deceived by it, how many have been deceived by it, how many have been deceived by it, and how many have been deceived by it, it has betrayed, and how many have relied on it, it has deceived and delivered, and know that there is a path before you. A far, difficult journey, and a passage on the Sirat, and the traveler must have provisions, and whoever does not provide provisions and travels will suffer and perish, and the best provision is piety..). (So let the worker among you work during his free days, before his time becomes exhausting, and in his free

time before his time for his work, and in his free time before he is taken to task. He suppressed it if we looked more closely, we would find that there are divine manifestations every time he recommends them.

### Conclusion:

1. The indications of paternity in the Holy Qur'an do not deviate from the four meanings, and all of them combine one meaning, which is legitimate authority. As the father is the good example and example, and he has the mandate, which entails managing the interests and affairs of the children, in accordance with the rule of God Almighty, and what supports what we have reached is what is stated in the hadith, that one of the titles of Imam Ali bin Abi Talib (peace be upon him) is the father of orphans; Because of the compassion and fatherhood it carries towards orphans, fatherhood is a purely spiritual relationship.
2. The researcher noticed that Imam Ali's (peace be upon him) speeches did not contain the word "fatherhood" or "filiation." Perhaps this is due to the greatness of this word and its significance in general. It was left for the recipient to touch and realize the hidden meanings it carries. It may be a signal to the rulers of the Muslims that their subjects should feel their paternity and filial relationship with them. Fatherhood is a feeling that is felt and enjoyed by emotions, and what achieves this is the actions that indicate fatherhood.

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