

سورة البقرة

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وَالْوَالِدَاتُ يُرْضِعْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ حَوْلَيْنَ كَامِلَيْنِ
لِمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُتِمَّ الرَّضَاعَةَ وَعَلَى الْمَوْلُودِ لَهُ
رِزْقُهُنَّ وَكِسْوَتُهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ لَا تُكَلَّفُ نَفْسٌ
إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا لَأُضَارَّ وَالِدَةٌ بَوْلِدِهَا وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ لَهُ
بَوْلِدِهِ وَعَلَى الْوَارِثِ مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ فَإِنْ أَرَادَا
فِصَالًا عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِنْهُمَا وَتَشَاوُرٍ فَلَا جُنَاحَ
عَلَيْهِمَا وَإِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ تَسْتَرْضِعُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ فَلَا
جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا سَلَّمْتُمْ مَا آتَيْتُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

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Mothers may breastfeed their children two complete years for whoever wishes to complete the nursing [period]. Upon the father is the mothers' provision and their clothing according to what is acceptable. No person is charged with more than his capacity. No mother should be harmed through her child, and no father through his child. And upon the [father's] heir is [a duty] like that [of the father]. And if they both desire weaning through mutual consent from both of them and consultation, there is no blame upon either of them. And if you wish

to have your children nursed by a substitute, there is no blame upon you as long as you give payment according to what is acceptable. And fear Allah and know that Allah is Seeing of what you do.

The rule of nursing a baby is mentioned in a very nice way in the Qura'an, so that everyone can read it, and memorize it too. When human beings state a rule, it can be so boring, but the words of Allah are always riveting and interesting. The mother's milk is pure and fresh, ideal nourishment for the baby for the first two years of his life. As soon as the two years are over, the mother's milk becomes like any other normal food.

There are two partners. Here Allah is speaking about nursing the baby, so we have three characters.

▲ المولود ➤ the one who is born

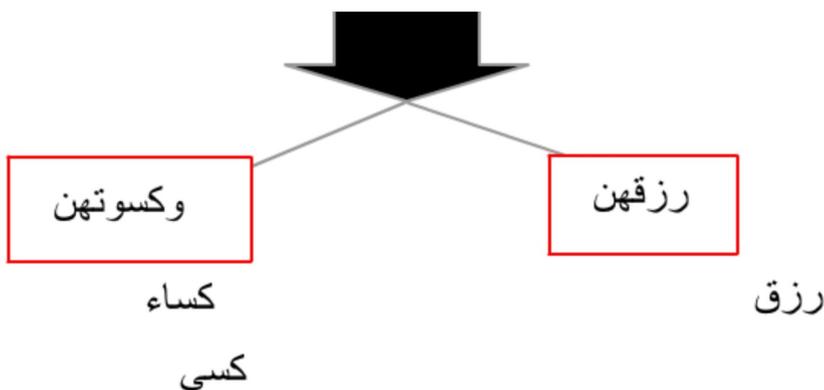
the new born baby

▲ الوالدة ➤ the one who gives birth
the mother

▲ المولود له ➤ the one for whom
the mother gave birth
the father



This shows that the baby belongs to the father, so he is responsible. But the rights of the mother are more than that of the father. This is a triangle, with all the three characters needing each other.



The farmer sows the seeds, and if he takes care of the land, then the growth is good and healthy.

In the same way, if the father of the baby takes care of the mother, keeping her happy and satisfied, her milk will flow, and the baby will be well cared for, and healthy. The مولود له is responsible for both the مولود and the والدة. The mother is taking care of the father's baby, so he needs to take care of her.

The mother has to nurse her baby for two years, but this does not mean that the father has no role in this. The father has to keep the mother happy and cared for. What makes a woman happy? Clothes and food. This will make the milk flow, and the baby will flourish. This is the father's responsibility even if they are divorced, or are having problems with their relationship.

Women like shopping, specially for clothes, and being taken out for dinner, and this is halal, not a fault. After pregnancy, she needs new clothes anyway, because her size will change, and also because her clothes will now get dirty very soon. This also doesn't mean you give her the money and forget about her. You must make sure she is well taken care of.

The rizq is anything which is beneficial and halal. This is her right upon her husband. The clothes are a part of the provision, but it is mentioned separately, showing its importance for the woman. These are material things, but they are the needs of the woman. If someone is deprived of halal provision, then this can become an obsession. Take the amount you need, or it will take over your mind. Don't overspend, but take enough to satisfy you, or you will constantly think of it, and won't be able to focus on worship.

Their command of food and clothes includes both the wife and the ex wife. After the iddah period of the divorce, the ex husband does not have to support his ex wife, but if she is nursing his baby, he has to take care of her needs. The wife has two salaries, one as his wife, and the other for nursing his baby.

This allowance is only for her, not to spend on the household, because Allah adds the pronoun **هِنَّ**.

If your husband has not given your rights, this is not a reason for fighting with him. Ask Allah for your rights. Forgive and pardon your husband, you don't want him to be delayed on the Day of Judgement. He may not even realize this, so forgive him.

This allowance for clothes and food does not have to be exorbitant, it should be **مَعْرُوفٌ**, a reasonable amount, commonly recognized, which the father can afford. His situation must be taken into consideration, and the time, because in the past a certain amount may have been enough, but a present, it may not. The place where they are must also be taken into the equation, because some cities and shops are more expensive than others.

بالمعروف

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Some scholars say this must be according to the standard of the wife, and some say it should be according to that of the husband. Others say there should be a balance. This is why compatibility is so important in a marriage, not only love. If the culture, financial situation and social standing is similar, it makes the relationship is easier.

Allah knows he situation of everyone, and He will nit burden anyone more than their capability. The spending should be according to what the man can afford, not competing with anyone.

The human being has responsibilities which they must fulfill. All of us have jobs to do in life. There is a struggle and difficulty

involved. Allah doesn't give us a task which we would find too difficult, although He can, and we would have to obey. But Allah is too Kind and Merciful, He only gives us tasks which we can do, albeit challenging.

You will be pushed to your maximum capacity, but it will be according to your scope. You don't need to take out loans to provide for your wife, you can spend according to your capability.



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