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## **The Responsibilities of a Daughter: A Study in the Perspective of Seerah of Hazrat Fatima R.A**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Women are the beautiful creature of Allah Almighty. They spread colors and beautifies the surroundings with their presence. In every role of theirs whether it is being a mother, wife, daughter and sister, they are the highly responsible for the successful continuation of life on this planet. Women play a great role in the growth of the society and making it an advanced and modern society. As a daughter she has one of the most important roles to play in his father's life. A daughter is a source of kindness, tenderness and beauty. A daughter is the first one who idealize her father and look forward to him as a role model. The relationship of a father and daughter is the most beautiful relation of this universe. Our Holy Prophet PBUH and his beloved daughter Syeda Fatima R.A share the same bond of love, respect and understanding. In this article we will discuss the responsibilities of a Muslim women being a daughter in the light of seerah of syeda Fatima R.A, so that our daughters can recall and refresh their status as a daughter.*

**Keywords:** *Father, daughter, relationship, responsibilities, beautification, society.*

### **Introduction**

Allah SWT has created daughter and made a favor to parents. Daughters are the blessing of Allah Almighty. Before the advent of Islam, girls were treated badly in



Arab society. Father of a daughter used to feel shame when a girl born to him. Arab society used to bury girls alive in order to get rid of the shame. At the time of darkness when people used to treat girls badly, Islam came and gave rights to women, sisters, daughters, wives and especially to little girls who were effected badly. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

أَوْزَوْجُهُمْ ذُكْرًا إِنَّا وَنَانَاً- وَيَجْعَلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ عَقِيمًا- إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ . يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ  
إِنَاً وَيَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ

Translation: He gives to whom He Wills female (children), and He gives to whom He Wills males. Or he makes them (both) males and females, and He renders whom He wills barren. Indeed He is knowing and competent. (1)

### **Significance of the Topic**

In this age Muslim world is fully involved in the autobiographies of so-called celebrities but they do not have same interest and concern about the family of the Holy Prophet PBUH, his companions or any other important Muslim personalities. The sad and unbelievable fact is that Muslims throughout the world are unfamiliar with great personalities of Islamic history who can be used as a guide on how to perfect their own life style.

The status of Syeda Fatima R.A, the blessed and loving daughter of the Holy Prophet PBUH, is so great that those who are oblivious to it are only doing injustice to themselves by depriving themselves from her teachings. At a time when Muslim women are flooded with so called role models, who rather than encouraging a modest and pure life style, practice and preach the contrary, it is indeed time for Muslim Women to adopt and follow the life style of Syeda Fatima R.A who received divine praise for her morality. One of the main reason of Muslim down fall is that they have forgotten their true models and ideals instead adopting bogus and imperfect ones. This article will try to cure this cancer by presenting the character of Syeda Fatima R.A as a daughter so that the Muslim daughters could feel the importance of their position in the light of seerat of Syeda Fatima R.A. (2)

### **Literature Review**

Many books has been written in different languages about Syeda Fatima R.A. here we take a look on few selective Urdu and English books. Hakim Abdul Majeed Sohdarwi, Seerat Fatima az-Zahra, Dr. Tahir Ul Qadri, Seerat Syyeda Fatima ,

Muhammad Bilal Qadri, Seerat Fatima Zahra, Abdul Sattar Shiekh, Seerat Syeda Fatima Zahra, Fatima az- Zahra; The World's most outstanding lady by Ayatullah Naser Shirazi, Fatima: The Great Daughter of Prophet Muhammad PBUH by Dr Tahir ul Qadri, The life of Fatima az- Zahra by Allama Baqir Al-Qarashi, Life of Bibi Fatima Zahra by Mehrban Ali and Fatima Az- Zahra by Ahmed Thomson.

### **Research Methodology**

The article will be written by using narrative and analytical methodology.

The Holy Prophet PBUH had four daughters and was of the opinion that raising daughters were considered as sacred in Islam. The Holy Prophet PBUH loved his daughters a lot especially the little one named Syeda Fatima R.A. It is reported that she was born in the second year of prophet hood when The Holy Prophet PBUH was forty one years old. The Holy Prophet PBUH named her Fatima. (3)

Being the little one in family, The Holy Prophet PBUH loves her and pays special attention towards her. She was only nine years old when her beloved mother Hazrat Khadija R.A left this world and the responsibility of the training and upbringing of this little daughter was completely taken by her father. She was raised in a noble family with religious, ethical and moral values. As the Holy Prophet PBUH loved her youngest daughter, she also had a great love and attachment towards her father. After her mother demise she became more caring and sensitive about her father. She tried to support her beloved father at every step and in every situation. Hazrat Fatima R.A is a role model for all women of all times. Allah Almighty had made her exemplar of a perfect woman so that woman from all ages could follow her foot steps to be a good daughter, mother, wife and counsellor as well. As the father of Syeda Fatima R.A was on the Holy mission of preaching Islam to mankind according to the commandments of Allah SWT, The Arab world stood against him as it was unacceptable for them to accept him as a messenger of Allah SWT. In these dark times, Syeda Fatima R.A support her beloved father as per her capacity. When the enemies of Islam tortured the Holy Prophet PBUH or conspired against him, she got upset and tries to save and protect her father from their evil intentions. Once the Holy Prophet PBUH was offering prayer in the area of Kaaba, the enemies of Islam like Abu Jahal, Uqba Bin Abee Moeet and others decided to interrupt his prayer. Uqba Bin Abee Moeet took the animal tripe and throw it on the back of the Holy Prophet PBUH and started laughing and making fun of their shameful act.

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Someone informed Hazrat Fatima R.A about this incident, she being quite young in age, ran towards the spot and help her father in cleaning from that filth. (4)

Once the enemies of Islam and the Holy Prophet PBUH made a plan of sudden attack on The Prophet PBUH to torture him badly. Syeda Fatima R.A who was a little girl at this time, got informed about this cruel act of them and informed her father. The brave father console her not to be worried at all as Allah SWT will protect him from their bad intentions.(5)

Hazrat Fatima R.A went through highly tensed times when all the tribes boycotted her beloved Father and those who had accepted Islam, when the blockade of Shi'b Abi Talib, a small valley which the uncle of the Holy Prophet PBUH made for shielding Muslims from Makkan oppressions. For almost three years, the supporters of Islam had to face that blockade. Soon after it was over, Hazrat Fatima R.A had to bear the tragic loss of Her Mother, Hazrat Khadijah R.A, and the dignified defender of His Father, Abu Taalib. All such tragic happenings in her early life greatly affected her health, which is why Hazrat Fatima R.A remained sick in most of her life, but she always acted as an embodiment of patience and determination throughout the process and supported her beloved great Father PBUH. There are many events reported in different books which shows her love, care and protection towards her father. When the Holy Prophet has to fight in battlefield against the enemies of Islam, she accompanied her there. She tried to have a look on enemy schemes, observe their movements and informed her father. She also serve the fighters of Islam in battlefield by drinking water, cleaning wounds and by dressing the injured. (6)

The Holy Prophet PBUH loved her daughter more than anything else. He used to visit her daily, feel happy to see her and tries to make her feel comfortable. Our beloved Prophet PBUH loved her so much because Bibi Fatima Zahra R.A was so kind and loved her Father too much. Also if the Prophet PBUH would be seated and Bibi Fatima R.A would enter he would get up and kiss her between her eyes, all the time. (7)

Whenever the Holy Prophet PBUH went outside Madina, he used to meet her in last and upon his arrival from a journey, he want to see her first. (8)

She got married with Hazrat Ali R.A, the first cousin of her beloved father and take the responsibility of house hold cores. The Holy Prophet PBUH regularly visit her home to support her in this new phase of life. She remained busy in house hold

cores that much that her caring husband Hazrat Ali R.A once reported that she got blisters in her hands by grinding the mill and her breast has a blueness because of holding watery mask regularly but she never complain about anything.(9)

حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ، أَنَّ فَاطِمَةَ عَلَيْهَا السَّلَامُ شَكَتْ مَا تَلْقَى مِنْ أَثَرِ الرَّحَا،  
فَأَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ سَبِيٌّ فَأَنْطَلَقَتْ، فَلَمْ تَجِدْهُ فَوَجَدَتْ  
عَائِشَةَ فَأَخْبَرَتْهَا فَلَمَّا جَاءَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَخْبَرَتْهُ عَائِشَةُ  
بِمَجِيءِ فَاطِمَةَ، فَجَاءَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَيْنَا وَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا  
مَضَاجِعَنَا فَذَهَبْتُ لِأَقُومَ، فَقَالَ: عَلَى مَكَانِكُمْمَا فَفَعَدَدَ بَيْنَنَا حَتَّى  
وَجَدْتُ بَرْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ عَلَى صَدْرِي، وَقَالَ: أَلَا أَعْلَمُكُمْمَا خَيْرًا مِمَّا سَأَلْتُمَانِي  
إِذَا أَخَذْتُمَا مَضَاجِعَكُمْمَا تُكَبِّرَا أَرْبَعًا وَثَلَاثِينَ، وَتُسَبِّحَا ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ،  
وَتَحْمَدَا ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْمَا مِنْ خَادِمٍ.

It is reported on the authority of Hazrat Ali R.A that Hazrat Fatima R.A had corns in her hands because of working at the hand mill. There had fallen to the lot of the Holy Prophet PBUH some prisoners of war. Hazrat Fatima R.A came to the Prophet PBUH but she did not find him in the house. She met Hazrat Ayesha R.A and informed her about her hardships. When the Holy Prohet PBUH came, Hazrat Ayesha R.A informed him about the visit of Hazrat Fatima R.A. Allah's messenger PBUH came to them ( Hazrat Fatima and her family). They had gone to their beds.Hazrat Ali R.A further reported: We tried to stand up (as a mark of respect) but Allah's messenger PBUH said: keep to your beds, and sat amongst us and I felt the coldness of his feet upon my chest. He then said: may I not direct you to something better than what you have asked for? When you go to your bed, you should recite Takbir (Allah o Akbar) thirty three times and Tasbih (Subhan Allah) thirty three times and Tahmid

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(Alhamdu Li Allah) thirty three times, and that is better than the servant for you. (10)

The modesty of Syeda Fatima R.A is another attribute of her. She was very careful about her grace and position. She tried her level best to act upon the teachings of Islam in every matter. She dislike to go outside home without any important assignment. She has very good relationship with her step mothers. She used to visit them on and off. She respects them all for the sake of her beloved father and to support him in his mission. She was an obedient wife to her husband and tries her level best to make him feel happy and comfortable at home. Whenever they have some problem between them, the Holy Prophet PBUH himself tries to settle the matter between them. (11)

She lived her life with limited resources but never complain her father or husband about anything. Once she was not feeling well, the Holy Prophet PBUH along with some companions visit her house. When he informed her about her arrival at the door, she told him that she does not have sufficient clothes to come in front of them, the Holy Prophet PBUH give his shoulder cloth to her to cover herself and then go inside to look after her. She told her father that there is nothing in home which she can serve the guests. Her beloved father at this moment of sadness give her the good news of being the lady of all Muslim ladies in Janat. (12)

The reason behind having the shortage of worldly resources was their habit of spending available things to the needy persons who visit her to sake help. She was very sensitive in taking care of poor and helpless families as she was trained by her great father who never collect wealth or other things for himself but love to distribute it among needy persons. Her poverty and low resources life is an example for every Muslim women to be thankful in every situation. She used to wear ordinary and simple dress as she believe that it is the necessity of human body to be covered not luxury to spend heavy amount on it. (13)

The Holy Prophet PBUH never like it that she have gold or silver in her possession and she was that obedient daughter that she give all of her jewelry to poor and needy people and never tried to wear a single piece of gold and silver throughout life. The Holy Prophet PBUH disliked it because these worldly temptations are the reason of distract human beings attention from the actual cause of their life and involve them deeply in this temporary world. (14)

She was so dear to her father because of her attributes that whenever she visits her father, the Holy Prophet PBUH stands up from his place to welcome her, he kisses her forehead and offer her to sit on his place to honor her.(15)

After the Holy Prophet PBUH left this world, she remained silent and grieved in the loving memory of her affectionate father.no one noticed him even in smile after her father. She remained alive only for six months after her father departure and join him in the next world.

### **Conclusion**

The lessons a Muslim daughter can get from Syeda Fatima R.A best personality characteristics are that a daughter should be caring and protective towards her father and other relations. A daughter should be loving for her family. A daughter is a one who must be obedient of her father and family. A daughter needs to be more concerned about the wellbeing and good name of her family. A daughter responsibility is to obey her father especially in marital matters. A daughter have to take care of her husband home after being married. A daughter has the courage to spend life in low resources and not to be ungrateful to her husband about this. A daughter should have to stand side by side along with her father and husband in every situation and in all circumstances. If the daughters of Muslim society can truly understand the noble personality of Hazrat Fatima R.A and put some effort to follow her great character, our society can be turned to a peaceful and stable society.

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