What rights did Islam give women 1,400 years ago?

RIGHTS SECURED BY ISLAM

خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ

- **To own property** — *and keep her own earnings*
- **To inherit** — *a share fixed by the Quran*
- **To consent** — *her agreement is required*
- **To learn** — *seeking knowledge is a duty*

Khairukum khairukum li-ahlihi: "The best of you are those who are best to their wives."

إكرام المرأة

His Treatment of Women

"And they (the women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in equity"

HOLY QURAN 2:229

DIGNITY, RIGHTS AND RESPECT

In a society where baby girls were sometimes buried alive and widows could be inherited like property, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) taught that women and men are equal before God. He helped with work at home, consulted his wives, and secured women's rights to own property, inherit, consent to marriage, and seek knowledge.

LESSON FOR TODAY

Kindness at home is the truest measure of a person's character.

HIS LIFE, 570–632 CE

Milestones of the Holy Prophet (sa)

570	595	610	619	622	628	630	632
Born in Makkah	Marries Khadijah (ra)	First revelation	Year of Sorrow Ta'if	The Hijrah to Madinah	Treaty of Hudaybiyyah	Victory of Makkah	Farewell Sermon

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