

CHAPTER V

CLOSURE

A. Conclusion

This research shows that all Tafsir Teachers view having offspring as a strong encouragement in Islamic teachings, supported by verses such as QS. An-Nahl:72 and QS. An-Nisa:1, which emphasizes the importance of generational continuity as part of the natural disposition and divine law of marriage. However, they also realized that the Quran does not absolutely mandate procreation; there is room for flexibility in Islamic law that allows couples to choose to be childfree, provided there are strong reasons and clear benefits, such as health or psychological issues, not just personal preference.

The Tafsir Teachers interviewed tend to interpret verses Al-Kahfi:46 and At-Taghabun:15 not as legitimizing childfree living, but rather as a warning that children are a trust and a worldly test that requires parental readiness and responsibility. They emphasized that the decision to be childfree should not be based on selfish reasons but rather on prudence for the common good, while still upholding the *Maqashid Syari'ah*, which prioritizes the protection of offspring within the family's welfare.

This research recommends the importance of social sensitivity, deep interpretive understanding, and open dialog between generations, as well as between couples, Islamic Scholars, and families, to address the childfree phenomenon wisely. By prioritizing the *Maqashid Syari'ah* and the principle of

public interest, decisions within the family are expected to be more mature, not disregard individual rights, and remain grounded in the noble values of the Quran as the primary guide in addressing contemporary phenomena.

B. Suggestions

1. For the Tafsir Teachers

Interpreters are expected to actively educate the public about the importance of understanding Quranic verses contextually, not just literally, especially regarding issues of lineage and the childfree phenomenon. Interpreters also need to increase open dialog with families and young generations so that decisions within families are based on knowledge, consideration of benefit, and spiritual values, and are not easily influenced by social trends alone.

2. For Future Researcher

Recommended to broaden the scope of the study's object, by comparing the interpretations of tafsir teachers in different regions with varying cultures. Future research can utilize a multidisciplinary approach, such as anthropology, family psychology, and contemporary Islamic law, to deepen the study of childfree perspectives in the Quran and its interpretations, making it more relevant and contributing to the development of family-related policies or regulations in the modern era.