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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَاصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ أَمَا بَعْدُ! فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ❁

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وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۚ إِنَّمَا يُبَلِّغَنَّ عَنْكَ الْكِبَرَ
أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٌ وَلَا تُنْهَرَهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ۗ
وَاحْفَظْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي
صَغِيرًا. ❁ (Bani Israel 23:24)

وعن ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال: سَأَلْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ أَيُّ الْعَمَلِ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ
اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: "الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا" قُلْتُ: ثُمَّ أَيُّ؟ قَالَ: "بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ" قُلْتُ ثُمَّ
أَيُّ؟ قَالَ: "الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَوْ كَمَا قَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام (Muslim)
الَّهُمْ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

My Respectable elders, dear brothers and the virtuous mothers and sisters of the Muslim Ummah!

There are a lot of favors of the beloved Companions  of Prophet  on this Ummah. They asked and gathered such information from the Prophet , through which it got a lot easier for the Ummah to live their lives according to deen.

The Most Beloved Action In The Sight Of Allah

Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood  said that once I asked





Prophet ﷺ “Which act is most beloved in the sight of Allah ﷻ ?” Prophet ﷺ replied, “To pray Salah on its time.” I asked, “after this which action is most beloved to Allah?” He ﷺ replied, “Goodness with parents.” I asked “After this?” He ﷺ replied, “Jihad in the path of Allah ﷻ .”

We can understand the pure enthusiasm and zest of Sahaba  (companions of Prophet ﷺ) from this very Hadith, that although they made every effort to spend their whole life in the obedience of Allah ﷻ ; be it day or night, in privacy or in crowd, in happiness or in sadness, in darkness or in light, they used to run towards Allah ﷻ , yet they would ask the Prophet ﷺ that about which action would make them even more beloved in front of Allah ﷻ .

What pure and righteous eagerness of Sahaba RA it was! That their thoughts revolved around how to become Allah's favorite, their greed was only about which action is pleasing in the sight of Allah ﷻ , their concern was primarily about what action is loved by Allah ﷻ . Allah ﷻ had blessed them with such beautiful eagerness and passion, that they would spend their day and night day in the thought of finding an action through which they could please Allah and become His beloved.

Following of Sunnah by the Companions of Prophet ﷺ

On one occasion, Hadhrat Abu Huraira  narrated a





Hadith in front of Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn-E-Umar رضي الله عنه, that Prophet ﷺ said:

“When a Muslim witnesses the Funeral of another Muslim, Allah ﷻ gives him the reward equivalent to one Qirat. And if he also witnesses the burial, Allah gives him the reward equivalent of two Qirats.”

Generally, qirat used to be an ordinary quantity, but the beloved Prophet ﷺ informed us that the Qirat of Jannah will be greater than the mountain of Uhud. Upon listening to this, Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Umar رضي الله عنه sighed and said: “I wish I had known this before. I wonder how many qirats I wasted in my life.” (Subhan Allah)

Among all the companions, Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn-e-Umar رضي الله عنه was that companion of Prophet ﷺ that one could see the life of Prophet ﷺ by looking at him. He would search for one Sunnah after another and strive to implement it in his actions, up to such a level that, once during a journey, Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ bowed his neck while passing under a tree. Afterwards, when Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn-E-Umar رضي الله عنه passed through the same place during his travel, he bowed down too. Someone asked him, “Why are you bowing down?” Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn-e-Umar رضي الله عنه replied, “I had seen Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ bowing down while passing through this place, so I found his way admirable, and therefore I thought of copying this action of Prophet ﷺ.” Companions رضي الله عنهم





of the Prophet ﷺ used to follow Sunnah with so much dedication and commitment, still they were concerned if there was a Sunnah that they hadn't known about. May Allah ﷻ bless us with some part of their devotion and love too.

Prophet ﷺ is the most Wise

Second thing we understand from this is that no person is wiser or a better mentor than the Prophet ﷺ. A few Sahaba came to Prophet ﷺ and asked, 'Which action is the most pleasing in the sight of Allah?' Prophet ﷺ replied, "The most pleasing action is that your tongue remains moist with the constant Zikr (Remembrance) of Allah ﷻ." Another person came and asked, "O Prophet of Allah ﷻ! Which is the most beloved action in the sight of Allah?" Prophet ﷺ replied: "Serving your parents." Another person came and asked, "O Prophet ﷺ! Which is the best action in the sight of Allah ﷻ?" Prophet ﷺ replied, "The best action is praying your Salah at its stated time." Another person came and asked, "O Prophet of Allah ﷻ! Which is the best action?" He ﷺ replied, "The best action is doing Jihad in the path of Allah ﷻ."

For different people of Ummah, Prophet ﷺ advised different actions as the best or most pleasing. That is to give me and you this lesson that correct counseling and wisdom lies in determining what does the patient need





the most at this time? Once you identify what he needs the most, teach him its importance and significance, and then treat him accordingly. This is the real duty of a good mentor and a wise trainer.

When someone who was very much devoted in observing religious worship (Ibadah) came to Prophet ﷺ, He ﷺ would tell him that fulfilling the rights of parents is the most virtuous action. Someone who was good in his actions, in performing good deeds, in serving his parents, but somewhat negligent in the Zikr of Allah, Prophet ﷺ would tell him that to keep the tongue moist with the Zikr of Allah is the best action. For someone who was doing every other good deed but was careless in the case of Jihad, Prophet ﷺ would advise that the best action is Jihad in the way of Allah ﷻ.

So on different occasions, Prophet ﷺ advised different actions. But what I want to bring your attention towards is the “sequence of actions” in this Hadees. According to the arrangement, offering Salah (Namaz) at its proper stated time is the best action and has been stated first and foremost of the other three.

Regarding this, Allah says in the Quran:

الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

"Who are neglectful of their Salah."

(Al-Ma'oon:05)

It is not that the time for Salah comes and goes and the





person misses his prayers. Rather the fact that they do offer Salah, but not on its proper designated, early time. This is why Prophet ﷺ said that the best action of all is to pray Salah at its stated (and early) time.

Second, the Prophet of Allah ﷺ stated that goodness towards your parents is the best action of all. And on third number, He ﷺ stated that Jihad in the path of Allah is the best action of all. Therefore look! To clarify and emphasize the importance of 'kind treatment and goodness towards parents', Prophet ﷺ stated it even before Jihad in the way of Allah, although there are more than 400 verses present in the Quran regarding the Importance and significance of Jihaad. A great part of the Prophet's ﷺ own life was spent in Jihad fi **Sabilillah** (Jihad in the way of Allah). And he ﷺ emphasized on its virtues up to the point that He ﷺ said that Allah forgives a martyr's sins even before his blood falls on the ground. Prophet ﷺ has also said about Jihad that the people of paradise will not wish to come back to World, but there is such pleasure and joy in martyrdom that a martyr will say:

"O Allah! Send me back to the World again so that I can be slaughtered in your path once more; grant me the delight of martyrdom again."

Prophet ﷺ has said:

"وَدِدْتُ أَنْ أُقْتَلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ أُحْيَ ثُمَّ أُقْتَلَ، ثُمَّ أُحْيَ، ثُمَّ أُقْتَلَ"

"(O Allah ﷻ!) The desire of my heart is that I shall be





killed in your path, and then be made alive and then be killed again, and then be made alive, and then be killed again.” (Bukhari)

There is no doubt about the virtues and importance Jihaad and the status of Martyrdom, but here Prophet ﷺ has mentioned (بروالدين) goodness towards parents even before Jihad. The point to be considered is that why Prophet ﷺ wanted to put so much emphasis on the importance of rights of parents? This is because Allah’s religion Islam is all about fulfillment of rights. Some are the rights of Allah ﷻ, some of the humans. Among the rights of humans, the first and foremost are the rights of parents i.e. they should be treated with goodness and kindness.

Status for serving Parents

A person came to Prophet ﷺ and said, “O Prophet of Allah ﷻ! My heart wishes to do Jihad in the path of Allah, and my only purpose for this Jihad is to gain the pleasure of Allah, and nothing except that; neither the spoils of war, nor any high status or popularity. I don’t seek anything but the pleasure of Allah. I want to fight for the Word of Allah on his path.” The Prophet ﷺ asked him, “Are your mother and father alive?” He replied “yes. They are alive.” Prophet ﷺ said, “Then your Jihad is in serving your parents.” (Muslim)





Another man came to Prophet ﷺ and said, “O Prophet of Allah ﷺ! I have come here to go off in the path of Allah, but I have come in a condition that my mother was crying, and I have come without thinking about her tears.” Prophet ﷺ said:

“Return back to her, and just like you made her cry, go back and make her laugh, because Allah’s pleasure lies in the pleasure of Parents.”

Our tragedy

But our situation is such is that if someone develops some attachment with the Religion, then according to Mufti Shafi’ Usmani Sahib رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, he starts to proceed only in that one direction, like a horse tied with a rope; the horse moves wherever his rope is pulled, not even looking in the other direction. Just like that, if we develop some interest for Islam, for studying and teaching of Islam, we completely stick to its education and service, and don’t even consider that there are other duties assigned to us as well and that there are rights of other people on us that we have to fulfill. If we get associated with some educational services, develop some concern for Jihaad, develop some interest for Tableegh (Preaching Religion), we completely get occupied in that and forget that our parents have some rights on us too. We don’t realize that we are neglecting our family, our wives and children, or





that we are neglecting other aspects of deen. We just go in one direction following our personal interests and desires.

Religion is not about desires of the Heart

Maulana Maseeh Ullah Khan رحمۃ اللہ علیہ used to give the example of a man who desires to offer Salah in the first row of the Mosque, but his wife is sick at home and there is no one else to take care of her. Now this man insists that no, it is my desire to offer Salah in the first row in Masjid. Maulana said that by going to the Mosque and offering Salah in the first row, his desire might be fulfilled but the (requirement of) his Religion will remain unfulfilled. Religion is not the name of following your own desires. Rather Religion is all about what Allah ﷻ commands for you at this moment, what does your Allah ﷻ want from you right now? The requirement of your religion right now is that you take care of your wife, and also in this condition, offering Salah at home will be rewarding for you. In the same way, if your parents require your service and care, and there is no one else to take care of them, and you say that my interest and desire is to work for Islam, then know that the greatest requirement of your Religion from you at this moment is that you indulge yourself in the service of your parents. You shall get all your reward through this act.

But my dear fellows! Just like Religion is the name of rights,





the Prophet's way of life (Sunnah) sets the boundaries for these rights. The Prophet's ﷺ Sunnah tells us how much right the mother has, and the Sunnah tells us how much right the father has, and the Sunnah sets the boundaries for doing work of Religion.

So my dear fellows! It is not possible for me and you to follow those boundaries until we entrust ourselves to someone who is pious and very close to Allah. We will not be able to meet those limitations otherwise, because if one does not follow the right leader, he starts to follow his own self, his own Nafs (self, ego, desires). He goes where the desires of his heart take him to. But if he makes someone a guide, a trainer, a coach, then the guide will tell him that there are rights of your spouse, and there are rights of parents, and rights of siblings, and rights of friends, and there is also Ibadah and service to mankind too. All things must be kept in consideration. This is not right that while fulfilling rights of mother, one forgets the rights of wife, or while fulfilling rights of wife, one completely forgets the rights of mother. Hence, this is not good that while carrying out one duty, a person causes problems in others; this should not happen.

Therefore, when Allah blesses a person with the company of someone pious and righteous and the person opens up about life in front of him, the guide educates and instructs the person that these are their rights, and those are their rights. This is the way to fulfill these; this is the





way to fulfill those. Therefore, Religion is essentially about protecting the boundaries set by Allah ﷻ .

Allah says in the Quran:

وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ ۖ

"And whoever exceeds the limit prescribed by Allah ﷻ
wronging his own self."

(At-Talaq: 1)

The incident of Hadhrat Owais Qarni رضي الله عنه

Hadhrat Owais Qarni رضي الله عنه lived in Qaran (a village in Yemen). He wrote a letter from there to Prophet ﷺ stating that O Prophet of Allah ﷻ! I want to come to Medina Munawwarah to visit you and meet you. (Now just reflect for a moment, that today even sinners like us get passionate to go to Madinah and visit Roza E Rasool ﷺ.) At that time, Prophet ﷺ was alive and there was no greater blessing for a believer in the whole universe than to meet Prophet ﷺ.

So Hadhrat Owais Qarni رضي الله عنه also asked for permission; "O Prophet ﷺ! Only if you allow me, I shall come to Medina to visit you, my mother is sick and is in need of my services, therefore, I ask for your permission." The Prophet ﷺ replied, "Owais! You should serve your mother; you need not to visit me." Sometime after this, Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ passed away and Hazrat Owais





Qarni رضي الله عنه could not meet him. He could not get the Rank of Companionship of the Prophet ﷺ. But here is what reward he got for serving his mother well.

The reward for taking care of his mother was that Prophet ﷺ said to Hadhrat Umar رضي الله عنه,

“O Omar! A person will come from Qaran. You should ask him to pray for you. Whoever he prays for, Allah will accept his prayer.”

Now Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه was Amir Al-Mu'minin, leader of the believers, who was also the father-in-law of Prophet ﷺ, and had received the good news of Heaven as well. On the night of Miraj, Prophet ﷺ had also seen the castle of Hazrat Omar رضي الله عنه. All these virtues were true and right, but even with all this honor and integrity, because it was the order of Prophet ﷺ,

Hadhrt Umar رضي الله عنه used to search every caravan from Yemen, to find Hadhrt Owais Qarni رضي الله عنه somehow so he could ask him to make a supplication for him. Caravans came and went. One day he got to know that in the coming Caravan, Hazrat Owais رضي الله عنه is also present. Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه went to him and said, “Owais, make a supplication for me.” Hazrat Owais Qarni رضي الله عنه replied,

“O Amir-ul-Mominin! You are asking me to pray for you? Is everything okay?” Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه replied, “O Owais! Rasoolullah ﷺ had said to me that there is a person named Owais from Qaran, with so and so looks, he has





served and taken care of his mother very well. Omar, you should ask him to pray for you, for whenever he raises his hands to ask Allah ﷻ, Allah ﷻ does not send those hands back empty.” Upon hearing this, Hadhrat Owais’s ﷺ eyes were filled with tears of happiness.

So my dear fellows! This was the reward that Hazrat Owais Qarni ﷺ was blessed with for serving his mother well; Allah ﷻ made him Mustajaab Ud-Dawa.

PARENTS- A Priceless Blessing

Dear fellows! By Allah, It is Allah’s greatest gift if you have been blessed with Parents. If you wish, you can make them a door to Jannah or if you wish, you can make them a door of Hell by displeasing them. Now this is up to everyone how he treats his parents. Sometimes a youngster forgets his parents in the years of his youth and ends up displeasing them due to his recklessness. That is why Allah ﷻ guides a young man with such wisdom and compassion that when you are in the best years of your youth, and your parents are getting old, they start to develop irritability. In fact in old age, all the strength and energy from the body comes together in the tongue. An old person wants to talk and others to only listen. The rest of the body keeps getting weak but the tongue keeps getting stronger, therefore an old person keeps on talking. Sometimes children dislike this act that this old





man keeps talking and never sits quietly.

Goodness towards parents

Allah ﷻ tells his servant that your parents tolerated a lot of unpleasant things for you in your childhood. If they have become old today, you should also tolerate some unpleasantness. Why don't you think about the time when you were small and used to get sick, and your parents would automatically become sick just by looking at you? Or because you could not sleep, your parents would become sleepless too. Or how many time because of your suffering, they suffered with you too. Therefore make sure that you don't hurt them in any way or don't even express any kind of disgust (by saying Fie!). Allah has commanded in the Quran:

فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمْ أُمَّةٌ وَلَا تَنهَرُهُمْ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾

"Do not say to them: uff (a word or expression of anger or contempt) and do not scold them, and address them with respectful words.

(Bani Israeel: 23)

When they attain their old age and develop irritability, even then you are not supposed to do any act which can cause them pain; neither through tongue, nor by face or by hand. And avoid any act which can hurt them.





The consequences of Western Education

Unfortunately, within the education that our children are seeking these days, there is no place for respect and greatness of parents in its culture. For the transfer and acquisition of this new education, the map of greatness of parents is being erased from the hearts of our children. Today children say we are humans just like our parents, therefore we will make the decisions of our lives ourselves. This is the outcome of the culture of this new education, otherwise there was a time when children did not speak in front of their parents, used to lower their eyes out of respect and would not utter a contradictory word. But in the culture that is prevalent today, there are only old homes and nursing homes for parents. When the father gets old, children leave him in an old home, and think “we will go and meet him after a year. Who will meet this old man every day?” And if he dies, there are some ignorant people who just say on the phone, “Bury him, we will pay the bill.” These are the consequences of this new western education.

On the contrary, Islam tells a Muslim son that your mother and father are your Jannah, so serve them well and be kind to them. If you look at them with love, you will get the reward equivalent to Hajj that has been accepted and Umrah. One Companion asked, “O Prophet ﷺ! If I look at my parents with the sight of love again and again, will I get the reward as many times too? Prophet ﷺ replied,





“How can there be a lack of reward with Allah, He will reward again and again.”

A Strange Incident

There is an incident quoted in a Hadith that there was a person who was very obedient to his parents. One day he along with his two friends went to a cave and rested. Suddenly a rock rolled down from a mountain and got stuck at the mouth of the cave, due to which the mouth of the cave was closed and the means of exit was blocked. Now each one of them began to bring their good deeds in front of Allah ﷻ and prayed that for the sake of these good deeds, Allah ﷻ would get them rid of this calamity.

The first man said,

O Allah ﷻ ! One time I was absolutely ready to commit adultery with my cousin. The environment around was also favorable, there was no one to stop or to restrain; I had full ability to commit the crime and destroy her respect and chastity. But the very moment I was about to commit this sin, she instantly said, “اتَّقِ اللَّهَ” FEAR ALLAH ﷻ !”

O Allah ﷻ ! When your name came, I left her because of the greatness and respect of Your name. If this action of mine is accepted by you, then relieve us from this rock.”





The beloved Prophet ﷺ said that after the prayer of this young man, the rock slipped a little from the exit, and a bit of the path was cleared. In the meantime, the other young man prayed,

“O Allah! You know that there was a labor that used to work under me and he left without taking his due wage. I invested his money in the business by his name. The business expanded and grew well enough and produced a large herd of goats, sheep, cows and buffaloes. After some time that man came to me and said, ‘O servant of Allah! Fear Allah ﷻ and give me my wage.’ At that time I was present in a valley, I told him that all the animals in this valley belong to you. He said ‘Don’t joke, give my wage to me.’ I told him that

‘By Allah ﷻ! This all is your wage.’ He took all the animals and left. O Allah ﷻ! I did this action purely for your pleasure. If you liked this practice of mine, then grant us relief from this rock.”

Beloved Prophet ﷺ said: “After the prayer of the second man, the rock moved a little more and the path cleared a bit more.” Meanwhile the third youngster (who was obedient to his parents) prayed:

“O Allah! You know that one day while grazing the goats; I went very far away that I came back late. And when I returned, my parents had fallen asleep. I milked the goats and stood beside them with the bowl of milk





in my hand that maybe one of them would wake up and ask for milk. I did not wake them up thinking that if I woke them up, their sleep would be disturbed. And I myself remained standing thinking that they might be troubled because of hunger if they wake up in the middle of the night. Thinking this, I stood beside them all night until the call for Morning Prayer (Adhan) was made. O Allah ﷻ! This practice of mine was purely to seek Your pleasure. If this action holds any value before you, then please let us get rid of this rock.”

Prophet ﷺ said that with the prayer of the third man, the rock entirely moved away from the opening of the cave and Allah took these young men out from the edge of death and gave them a new life. (Bukhari)

This is the reward these men got for serving parents.

Spend life under a Mentor

But my fellows! It is important that a person spends his life under the guidance of a mentor. Today the entire problem is that due to ignorance and recklessness, one takes care of his parents in a way that he completely forgets the rights of wife, or takes care of wife in a way that he forgets the rights of mother. But if one keeps balance, only then it can be successful. And that is only possible when a person learns the rules of balanced life from someone. Therefore, Prophet ﷺ explained the





rights of parents as well as the rights of others.

On one occasion, Prophet ﷺ began to sit on the Mimbar (the “pulpit” from where the sermon is preached); when he ﷺ ascended the first step of the Mimbar he ﷺ said "Aameen". When he ﷺ ascended the second step of the mimbar he ﷺ said, "Aameen". When he ﷺ ascended the third step he ﷺ said, "Aameen". When he ﷺ finished the Sermon, Companions  asked him, "Prophet of Allah ﷺ, today we saw a change in your routine that as you climbed the pulpit (Mimbar), you said Ameen three times."

Reproach and Punishment for not serving parents

Prophet ﷺ replied,

"O My Companions! Jibrael  appeared before me and he uttered three curses and I said Ameen on them. First curse he made was that Woe to him who found the blessed month of Ramadan and let it pass without gaining forgiveness, upon which I said Aameen. Second curse he made was that Woe to him before whom thy  name is mentioned and then he does not read Durood (salaat alan Nabi) on You ﷺ. I replied Aameen. And the third curse was that Woe unto the person in whose presence both parents or one of them attain old age, and (through failure to serve them) he is not able





to achieve Jannah, upon which I again said Aameen.”

Therefore getting the chance to serve parents in their old age is a blessing and one can attain Jannah by making his parents happy.

May Allah ﷻ also bless the parents with such a style that their nature also becomes according to religion. This is also not appropriate that parents ask their son to take their advice in every single matter, all the time. There are rights of mother as well as rights of wife; when both of these are fulfilled with balance then life becomes prosperous. Whenever parents say anything to their children, it should be said in a way that there can be no disobedience. Say it with softness, kindness and wisdom. Say like this: “Son! How about if you do so and so work?” if you say in a way like: “Do so and so work!” then it would be compulsory for the child to obey it. If he doesn’t carry out the action, he will be a sinner because it is necessary to obey the rightful orders of parents.

Obedience of parents in sinful deeds is not permissible

It is important to obey parents unless they ask to do a sinful deed. Allah says in the Quran:

وَأَنْ جَاهِدَكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا وَصَاحِبُهُمَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا.





"However, if they force you to ascribe partners to Me about whom you (can) have (no source) of knowledge, then do not obey them. Remain with them in this world with due fairness." (Luqman: 15)

Allah ﷻ has commanded that even if your parents associate partners with Allah ﷻ (polytheism) and convince you towards polytheism, then do not obey their demand, but even then you are supposed to serve them with kindness and affection, i.e. you are supposed to show goodness even towards disbeliever parents.

Allah's pleasure lies in the pleasure of parents

So my fellows! The pleasure of Allah ﷻ is in the pleasure of parents. And in the wrath of parents is hidden the wrath of Allah. And we have observed in our life that those who are disobedient to their parents are humiliated in this world and then Hereafter is after all the Hereafter (Akhirah), its humiliation and failure is certain and sure.

Prophet ﷺ has said in a Hadith that a person who serves his parents well, Allah ﷻ increases his Rizq (provisions) and leaves an honorable mention of him in later generations. People remember him in good words; and the one who bothers his parents, he will get a bad outcome in this world as well as in the hereafter.





There should not be inadequacy in service towards parents

In this world, you face the consequences of your action. As it goes, "As you sow so shall you reap". Sometimes even our own children make us realize how despicable our actions are. Therefore, there should not be any lack of obedience and service towards parents. And the truth is that the rights of parents can never be completely fulfilled even if we serve our parents for our whole life. Some ignorant in the years of his youth, forgets the difficulties his parents faced for him; that while giving him birth, his mother goes through the edge of life and death, tolerates very severe pains, carries him in her womb for months, then feeds him with milk of her breast, and carries him in her arms to walk. Except humans, the children of other species start eating food themselves from the first day. Fish starts swimming from the first day, the hen starts chirping from day one. It is only the children of humans that you have to feed for years, and hold their finger to teach them to walk, but when they reach the peak of their youth, they forget that someone has faced problems and tolerated severe pain for me. Therefore dear friends, being obedient to parents is a highly virtuous act with a big reward.

That is why Allah has explained it in a very emphatic way that:

فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا ﴿١٠١﴾





"Do not say to them: uff (a word or expression of anger or contempt) and do not scold them." (Bani-Israeel: 32)

Allah ﷻ said that you should not reply to their irritability with irritation, your behavior should not be harsh or rude, and your mood must not turn bad with them.

Incident with a lesson

There is an incident, which teaches a very important lesson. An old father, who had got his child very good education and high degrees, was sitting in the garden of his house. His son was sitting beside him. In the meantime, a crow came and sat in front of them. The father asked his child (pointing towards the crow), "Son, what is this?" The son replied, "My dear father, it is a crow." Father asked again, "What is this, my child?" He again replied that it's a crow. The father asked for the third, "What is this, son?" The son said, "Did I not tell you just now that it is a crow." When the father asked for the fourth time, the child got irritated and replied with anger, "I have been saying it over and over again that it is a crow, it is a crow, it is a crow!" After this when the father asked for the fifth time, the child got even angrier and replied in an even harsher tone. Seeing this, the father went to his room and came back with a diary. He opened it, took out a page, and showed it to his son and said, "My son, there was a time when you were small and young, and one day you were





sitting here, and I was sitting there. A crow was present over here, and you asked me, “dear father, what is this?” I told you that it is a cow. You asked me this question fifteen times and I answered you with love and kindness every single time. And in the end I said to you that I really admired this conduct of my child. And then he said to his child, “Son, this is the difference between a father and a son, that after answering your question for fifteen times I said that I really liked this conduct of my child; and you got irritated just after three or four times.”

So my fellows! Children often forget when they reach the peak of their youthfulness that someone endured unpleasant moments of life for them.

After Allah ﷻ and Prophet ﷺ, Parents have the most right

It is necessary for a person to understand that after Allah ﷻ and His Prophet ﷺ, the greatest right upon him belongs to his parents. One should keep making efforts to make sure his parents are pleased with him, no such action should be done which might hurt them or lead to their displeasure.

One companion رضي الله عنه came to Prophet ﷺ and said: “O Prophet ﷺ! Who has the most right of my goodness and kind treatment?” Prophet ﷺ replied, “Your mother” The Sahabi رضي الله عنه again asked, “After her, who has the most





right?" He ﷺ replied, "Your mother." He again asked "After that, who?" Prophet ﷺ replied, "Your mother." Thrice Prophet ﷺ replied with your mother. For the fourth time He ﷺ said "Your father."

The right of mother is more

Scholars have interpreted the above mentioned Hadith to mean that a mother needs more service, therefore a mother has more right in the matter of service and assistance, and the father has more right in matter of respect and esteem. Sometimes this happens that a child can share everything with mother but can't tell the father everything. Usually children are quite informal with their mother so a mother has more right to service, may it be physical service or financial service, and this is more practically efficient. And not speaking in front of father in a gathering, bowing head in front of him and remaining silent in respect of him, the father has more right in this aspect. In the matter of respect and esteem, father has more right, whereas in the matter of service and taking good care, mother has more right. A Companion came and asked,

"O Prophet ﷺ! My parents have passed away from this world. How can I serve them after they have left this World?"

Prophet ﷺ said,

"Deliver reward to them in any way you can, if you keep





on delivering reward to them and show goodness to their relatives and fellows, then even if you make a little bit mistake Allah will raise you with the obedient children on the Day of Resurrection.

Easy way of delivering reward to parents

My dear fellows, for delivering a reward to your parents, you don't have to wait for one whole year to pass to do it specifically on their death anniversary (Barsi). You don't have to wait for Thursdays or for the 40th day (Chaliswa) to deliver rewards of good deeds to your parents. Islam is a very easy and simple Religion. If you are sitting in your factory and you've got five minutes, you can recite Soorah E Fatiha and deliver the reward to your father. If you are sitting in your shop, you can recite a little Quran and deliver its reward to your mother. Wherever you are present, whenever you are free, and with whatever is available to you at the moment, you can do a good deed with the intention of delivering its reward to your parents. You came to Mosque, offered two Rak'ahs Nafl prayers, recited Quran and conveyed the reward to your parents; this is an easy and simple way.

Goodness towards relatives of parents:

At one occasion, Hazrat Abdullah Ibn-E-Umar رضي الله عنه was going on a ride. A villager came along the way. Seeing this, Hazrat Abdullah Ibn E Umar رضي الله عنه stopped his





transport, and sat him down with himself, and took off his turban and gave it to the villager. This turban was like a crown of one's head; today's Muslims are unaware of its worth, what a valuable and precious treasure it was. So Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Umar's taking off the turban and giving it to the villager was a sign of high respect and regard. In our Religious Madrassahs, turbans are worn on the heads of the students when they complete their education and graduate because it is a great honor and regard in the culture of Muslims. So Hazrat Abdullah Ibn-E-Umar رضي الله عنه treated the man with high regard and respect. So someone said, "O Abdullah! He is just some villager, for him, even a small honour was enough, but you did such a great honor that you took off your turban and put it on his head." He رضي الله عنه replied, "his father and my father were friends so I treated my father's friend's son this way so that I can be included in the people who treat their father's friends with kindness and respect."

Therefore my fellows, after the death of parents, we should deliver reward to them and maintain good terms with their friends and relatives, so tomorrow Allah سبحانه shall include us in the group of children who were obedient to their parents.

May Allah سبحانه help me and you to implement more than to say and listen.





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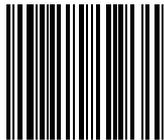
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