

DOING GOOD DEEDS TO PARENTS

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَأَيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May our lives be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

مِنْ أَشْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ أَنْ تَلِدَ الْأُمُّ رَبَّهَا

Which means: *“Among the signs that the Day of Judgment is near is when the mother will give birth to her master/ mistress*

Some scholars explained that "when a child becomes a master" means a child who does not serve or is disrespectful to his/her parents. The situation that is happening today is when a child orders or directs and uses abusive words to his/her parents; as if his/her parents were a maid while the

child is able to do things by himself/hersself . The book of Al-Wafi explains that, "The child who is disrespectful to his parents is likened to the treatment of a master to his slave."

Dear brothers and sisters

Do not ever allow our children to be in the situation stated above. We must train our children from young to be respectful to their parents and elders. Educate them with commendable *akhlaq* (virtue, morality and good manners) as that of the Prophet (pbuh).

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

مَا مِنْ مَوْلُودٍ إِلَّا يُولَدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ فَأَبَوَاهُ يُهَوِّدَانِهِ أَوْ يُنَصِّرَانِهِ
أَوْ يُمَجِّسَانِهِ

Which means: *"No one is born but upon Fitra (as a Muslim). It is his parents who make him a Jew or a Christian or a Polytheist."*

It is our responsibility to raise our children in harmony with Islamic teachings by protecting them from the influence of Jews, Christians or Majus (Zoroastrianisme).

Dear brothers and sisters

Parents must always pray that their children will become obedient and pious muslims. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 38:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
هُنَالِكَ دَعَا زَكَرِيَّا رَبَّهُ، قَالَ رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً

إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٨﴾

Which means: "At that, Zechariah called upon his Lord, saying, "My Lord, grant me from Yourself a good offspring. Indeed, You are the Hearer of supplication."

Based on what Allah the Almighty said in chapter 31(Surah Luqman) verse 13, we should also teach our children to recognize the true Islamic *aqidah* (creed) so that they do not commit shirk against Allah the Almighty

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَانُ لِابْنِهِ، وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ، يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ

لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

Which means: "And [mention, O Muhammad], when Luqman said to his son while he was instructing him, "O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allah . Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice."

It is essential for us to ensure that we educate our children to not neglect but to establish congregational fardhu prayer. This is in line with what Allah the Almighty said in chapter 31 (surah Luqman) verse 17:

يٰۤاِبْنٰىٓ اَقِمِ الصَّلٰوةَ وَاْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوْفِ وَاَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاَصْبِرْ عَلٰى مَا اَصَابَكَ

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اِنَّ ذٰلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْاُمُوْرِ

Which means: “O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination.”

Dear brothers and sisters

The lesson that we can learn from the sermon today is not to disobey our parents, raise our voices and ignore the welfare of our parents, especially when they are old. Therefore, let us build a harmonious family full with love, respect and politeness to each other as set forth by Islam.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 25 (surah al-Furqan) verse 74:

اَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ
وَالَّذِيْنَ يَقُوْلُوْنَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَّاجْعَلْنَا

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لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا

Which means: *And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."*

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ
اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
فِيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ.