

(Before you loose the Precious Jewellery) Allah's knowledge (in relation to mankind) (5)

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Love is the way (2) — Man's character (3) Fulfilment of trusts.

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Love is the way and patience is the companion (2) I

1. As we are discussing about : Fulfillment of trust :

a belief in Allah's knowledge and command from Allah.

2. We learned that "Amana" is an arabic word, it means trust, and so fulfilling of amana = fulfilling of trust i.e

3. We Learned that: Fulfilling of trusts means ; to observe all your duties and obligations to all.

Trust: $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ To Fulfill the greatest trust which is the

belief in Unity of Allah, according to man's will, choice and knowledge and to choose to obey all His commands

fully and to discharge all duties to Him. Also we

Learned that from this great trust, from which arises (amanah)

the other trusts, starting by : the trust of your self, which

means that you have to use all the ways and to do all

the effort to save your self from any wrong path or harm

or bad distention, through believing in Allah and discharging

all your duties towards Him. This is how you can live a righteous life and have the Paradise as the final destination for yourself.

(2) The other trusts are all the duties and obligations to all the Muslims e.g. your parents, your husband and wife, your kids, your neighbour, your community and humanity in general.

And as we clarified last week that the

only way to fulfill the trusts is the "Love of Allah" which is originating from: 1. the belief in His Unity, and appreciation of His Blessings as this feeling will stimulate, remind, encourage

you all the time to keep your relation with your

Lad in the best shape i.e. to try to please Him

through obeying His Commands towards yourself

and all the people i.e. through fulfilling all the trusts.

Love of Allah provides you with love, compassion and mercy towards the people and the will to obey Him. Also we learned that patience must be your

companion on the way of "Love of Allah" so that

you maintain your obedience, tolerate people and always

be kind and helpful to them.

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) encourages believers to fulfill the trust as he said :-

1. "There is no faith for the one who has no amanah (trust) and no religion for the one who does not keep promises."

2. "The muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand, the muslims are safe". The believer is one to whom the people would entrust their blood and property."

3. "Discharge the trust to those who entrust you"

4. "Gatherings are an amanah"

5. "Trust (amanah) descended in the core of the hearts of men. Then the Quran was revealed and they learnt [it from] the Quran and learnt [it from] the Sunnah

Also prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) mentioned that: On

the Day of judgement, the Amanah (trust) will pull those who didn't fulfill it (amanah) to hellfire.

Today inshaAllah we will start to learn about our amanah (trust) i.e duties and obligations to the people around us, and let's start with the two jewels (our mother and father),

Your Parents are amanah (trust).

Although our existence is from Allah, it is our parents who are the means of giving us life. We are a fruit of the garden of their love, affection and care. They provide protection, food and clothing to the newborn. The mother sacrifices her comforts since pregnancy starts, then during delivery and through the first two years of the life of her baby, as she trains little baby to walk, talk, stand, eat and all the abilities which he (she) needs to learn. She is always happy to watch her baby growing healthy in spite of ^{being} exhausted and tired. Also the father works hard to provide his kids with the physical, educational and ^{as} psychological needs. The child grows the help, support and care of the parents increase until he (she) become a mature person.

∴ It is the fact that our parents sacrifice

their life, effort, wealth and health for our sake.

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It is because of the above fact that Allah The Most Merciful, after enjoining Muslims to worship Him alone,

He enjoined them to be kind to their parents as

Allah mentioned in Surat 17 - AL Isra. V(23-24)

The meaning: (lessons).

As life goes on, we focus our attention on what lies ahead, on our children, the new generation. Rarely we are motivated to look back and attend to the former generation of parents, who represent a life, that is already on the decline. Hence, as sons and daughters we need a strong charge of conscience so that we will look back and take care of our mothers and fathers.

Parents are naturally motivated to look after their children sacrificing everything in the process, even when the sacrifice includes them personally.

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Children always take up all their parents health, wealth, attention and effort, leaving them in the weakness of old age, yet happy to have given their children everything they could give. But children soon forget all this and move ahead, caring more for their spouses and own offspring, accordingly, it is the children who need to be reminded of their duty towards the generation that has become dry, in need of tender care after spending most of their vitality in bringing up their young. Hence, the divine command to take care of parents comes in the form of ruling from Allah, following immediately after the command to worship Allah alone.

So in these verses, Allah is describing an elder person weakened by advancing years needing shelter and care. so Allah is commanding sons and daughters to be kind and never to use words which suggest their being bothered by their parents, but respect, mercy and compassion.

Allah reminded us with the same duty in many other verses of the Quran e.g. Surat 4 An-Nisa V. 36

• Surat 2 AL-Baqara V. 83

• Surat 6 AL-Anaam V. 151

• Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) encourages every muslim to treat parents with kindness, respect, Love and care, as the prophet was asked: which deed is dearest to Allah? He replied: "Performing prayer on time". It was asked "what is the next"? He said "Kindness to parents",

• A man came to Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) and said: "I want to emigrate and struggle in the cause of Allah" seeking reward from Allah". The Prophet asked: "Are any of your parents alive"? He said: "yes". The Prophet said "Then return to them and be a good companion to them."

• Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said "Allah delays

the punishment of sins according to His Will until the Day of Resurrection, except for ~~the~~ unkindness to parents; Allah hastens its punishment for the one guilty of it before his death."

Prophet Mohamed said "let him be humbled, let him be humbled, let him be humbled. It was said: who is he? - He said: "He who accompanies his parents in old age, either one or both of them, but didn't use their presence (by doing good to them) to cause him to enter paradise."

Regarding the mother, Allah stressed the good treatment of mothers in many verses of the Quran, because of the great sacrifices of the mother:

Allah said in Surat 31 Luqman V. 14. (Kind treatment of mother)
Also Allah said in Surat 46 AL-AHQAF. V. 15.

Also prophet Mohamed clarified the importance of being thankful and merciful to the mothers as he said in the following Hadiths :-

1. A man came to the Prophet (S.A.W) and asked:

cb "which of the people is most deserving of my good companionship?"

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The Prophet (S.A.W) said: "It is your father".

2. "A man was carrying his mother while he was doing the 'tawaf' [obligatory walk around the Kabah] during

Hajj. He asked the Prophet (S.A.W) whether he had discharged his duty towards her. The Prophet said: No, not even for a single deep sigh.

Indeed, we need to realize the importance of the

good treatment to parents in the scale of Allah, and

this importance can be highly evaluated according to Surah (31)

" Luqman V. (15), where Allah is clarifying that even your

Parents are not believers, yet they deserve kind treatment.

" But if they (your parents) strive with you to make you

join in worship with Me others that of which you have

no knowledge, then obey them not, but behave

with them in the world kindly."

This verse ^{draws} an order for bond and relations, and one for duties. Thus the bond of faith in Allah ranks top, and with it is the requirement to fulfill Allah's orders.

However, differences of faith and the order not to obey parents against one's faith, does not deprive parents of their right to receive kindly and caring treatment and companionship.

Q Why so much emphasis on the rights of the parents in Islam? i.e. Why ^{we} do not find in Noble Quran and Hadith so much emphasis on looking after the children as in the case with the rights of the parents?

A. The fact is that parents heart is the fountain head of the love for the child, this affection becomes the life blood of the parents. On the other hand, children especially when they are no longer in need of parental care, do not feel so much love for their parents. It was for that reason, that Islam didn't explain the rights of children so forcefully, but full concentration was given to the right of the parents. This is the mercy and justice of Islam that made kindness and love of Parents, an amanah trust for their kids.

Parents sacrifice for children: A mother's sacrifice

10 My mom only had one eye. I hated her... she was such an embarrassment. My mom ran a small shop at a flea market. She collected little weeds and such to sell ... anything for the money we needed, she was such an embarrassment. There was this one day during elementary school. I remember that, it was a field ^{day}, and my mom came. I was so embarrassed. How could she do this to me? I threw her a hateful look and ran out. The next day at school "Your mom ^{only} has one eye?" and they kept on repeating.

I wished that my mom would just disappear from this world so I said to my mom "Mom, why don't you have the other eye? You are only going to make me a laughing stock. Why don't you just die?" My mom didn't respond. I guess I felt a little bad, but at the same time, I felt good that I said

what I wanted to say all this time. Maybe it was because my mom hadn't punished me, but I didn't know that I had hurt her feeling very badly.

That night... I woke up and went to the kitchen to get a glass of water. My mom was crying there, so quietly, as if she was afraid that she might wake me.

I took a look at her, and then turned away. Because of the thing I had said to her, earlier, there was something pinching at me in the corner of my heart.

Even so, I hated my mother who was crying out of her one eye. So I told myself that I would grow up and become successful, because I hated my one-eyed mom and our desperate poverty.

Then I studied really hard. I left my mother and moved to another city and studied and got accepted in the University. Then I graduated and I married. I bought a house of my own.

Then I had kids too. Now, I am living happily as a successful man. I like it here, because it is a place that doesn't remind me of my mom. This happiness was getting bigger and bigger, when someone unexpected came to see me "what?" "Who is this?" ... it was my mother... Still with her one eye. I felt that the whole sky was falling apart on me. My little girl ran away, scared of my mom's eye.

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And I asked her, "Who are you? I don't know you!!!" as if I tried to make that real. I screamed at her "How dare you come to my house and scare my daughter! Get out of here! Now!!!". And to this, my mother quietly answered, "Oh, I'm so sorry. I may have gotten the wrong address," and she disappeared. Thank goodness... she doesn't recognize me. I was quite relieved. I told to myself I wasn't going to care or think about this for the rest of my life.

Then a wave of relief came upon me... one day,
a letter regarding a school reunion came to my house.
I lied to my wife saying ^{that} I was going on a business
trip. After the union, I went down to the old house —
just out of curiosity — there, I found my mother
fallen on the cold ground, but I didn't shed a
single tear. She had a piece of paper in her hand, it
was a letter for me. She wrote:

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My son

I think my life has been long enough now. And I
won't visit your city anymore... but would it be too
much to ask if I wanted you to come to visit me
once in a while? I miss you so much. And I was
so glad when I heard you were coming for reunion.
But I decided not to go to the school for you...
I am sorry that I ^{only} have one eye, and I was an
embarrassment for you. You need to know that,
when you were very little, you got into an

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accident and lost your eye. As a mother, I
couldn't stand watching you having to grow up with
only one eye... so I gave you mine... I was so
proud of my son that was seeing a whole new
world for me, in my place with that eye. I was
never upset at you for anything you did. The
couple times ^{that} you were angry with me. I
thought to myself "it's because he loves me".

I miss the times when you were still young
around me. I miss you so much. I love you
you mean the world to me.

My world shattered.

~~I never cried for the first time.~~
Then, for the first time, I cried for the person
who lived for me... My Mother.

Let us all remember this fact: our parents
are living for us.

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