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## Belief in Allah's Knowledge (17)

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### Trusts of Kids (2)

My beloved child: you are a trial and an adornment  
"supplication of Prophets to their children"  
Children as mentioned in some verses of the Quran:-

#### I Children are a form of the Pleasure of the worldly life

A- Allah The All mighty, said in Surat AL-Imran (3)

V.14

14<sup>th</sup> Beautified for men the love of things they cover,  
women, children, much of gold and silver (wealth),  
branded beautiful horses, cattle and well lilled Land.

This is the pleasure of the present worldly life, but Allah  
has the excellent return (Paradise) with Him.

In this verse, Allah mentioned children as  
a form of the Pleasure of this worldly life which  
Allah has clarified that it is a deceiving enjoyment.

(B) Also in Surat 18 AL-KAF V. 46

"Wealth and children are the adornment of  
the worldly life but things that endure,

good deeds, are of far greater merit in your Lord's sight, and a far better source of hope"

In this verse, Allah The Almighty is making a contrast between the values to which people attach great importance in this life and those which have the upper position at all times.

(2) Wealth and children are the most important things that people covet in this life. Islam does not forbid enjoying them, provided that they are not considered the only goal in this life i.e not to spend and waste your life time just for collecting wealth or taking care of the children as a source of adornment, prestige and <sup>the</sup> holding of power. They are in reality part of the test of the worldly life i.e they are a trust which we need to obey the commands of Allah towards both of them i.e wealth and children

## II Children are a blessing:

1- In Surat 26 - Ash-Shu'ara' V. 132-133-134

Allah The Almighty mentioned children as a form of His blessings :-

32- "And keep your duty to Him, fear Him Who has aided you with all good things that you know."

133- "He has aided you with cattle and children."

134- "And gardens and springs".

(3) These are some forms of Allah's Blessings, which children are one of them.

2- In Surat 71- Nuh, V. 10-11-12, Allah said

on the tongue of Prophet Nuh :-

10 "I (Prophet Nuh) said to them: Ask forgiveness from your Lord, Verily, He is oft-forgiving"

11- "He will send rain to you in abundance"

12- "And give you increase in wealth and children and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers"

In this verse, Allah mentioned the

children, wealth, gardens, rivers and rain  
as forms of His Blessings for those who ask  
His forgiveness, and believe in His Unity.

③ In Surah 42 - Ash-Shura V. 49, Allah

informed that "children are a blessing which only

Him can bestow and it is up to Him only to

choose the kind of gender which He will bestow

on His servants: -

42<sup>nd</sup> "To Allah belongs the Kingdom of the Heavens

and the earth. He creates what He wills. He

bestows female (offspring) upon whom He wills,

and bestows male (offspring) upon whom He wills

Again let every believer remember this

fact that: It is only up to Allah to bestow

the children upon whom He wills, it is up to His

Wisdom and Knowledge. let us realize this

reality so that we will not be always looking

for male (offspring), while we don't know whether this is the good for us or not, as we need always to remember that ① All Allah's Decree is good.

② Allah knows and we know not.

In Conclusion : Children are a blessing and an adornment of this worldly life, and so we need to know the following supplications of the Prophets and the pious people for their children :-

A. Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail's supplication

in Surat (2) AL-Baqara V. 128

128. "Our Lord! And make us submissive to You and of our offspring a nation submissive unto You, and show us our Manasik (all the ceremonies of pilgrimage and Umrah) and accept our repentance.

Truly, you are the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful.

Actually, this is an accepted supplication

as Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) is one of the  
offsprings of Prophet Ismail and Ibrahīm, Prophet  
Mohammed (S.A.W) is a Prophet, followed by  
the nation of Muslims all over the world up to  
the Day of Judgement.

Prophet Zakaria in Surat (3) Al-Imran

supplicated to Allah the Almighty in V: 38:

38." At that time, Zakariyya invoked his Lord,

6 saying: O my Lord! Grant me from you, a good  
offspring. You are indeed the All-Hearer of the  
invocation.

This is also an accepted supplication as  
Allah answered it and granted Prophet Zakariya  
a good son i.e Prophet Yahia whom Allah said  
about him in Surat Mariam 19. V:(1-15)

These verses are a proof that we need  
always to ask Allah for good offspring, not

just for male offspring. It is the quality of the offspring, not the gender which we need to look for.

Also in the Quran in Surah 46 (AL-AHQAF)

V. (15), Allah mentioned the supplication of a righteous muslim :-

15- "He says: My Lord! Grant me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, And that I may do righteous good deeds, such as please You, and make my offspring good."

∴ In the Quran, Allah mentioned these supplications so that we learn to do du'a to Allah to grant us good offspring.

(2) to be sure that <sup>only</sup> Allah is the One who has the Will and Power, in

this life and so He is the Only One to be asked for anything we are looking for.

3) Allah always answers the supplication of the righteous people even after long time.

Conclusion: children are a blessing and an adornment in the worldly life. But we need also to realize the fact that: children are a trial and a test as Allah mentioned in Surat (4) An-Nisa. V. 58

§ (58) Verily, Allah commands that you should render back the trusts to those, to whom they are due," also Allah said in Surat (23) AL-Hu. minun V. 9

9" Those who are faithfully true to their Amanat (all the duties which Allah has ordained).

Children are one of Allah's trusts, which the parents have to fulfill their duties to them, as Prophet Mohamed said: "Each of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The man is the shepherd of his household and is responsible for them. The woman is the shepherd of her husband's house

and is responsible for them<sup>!!</sup>.

Regarding children being a trial, Allah  
said in Surat <sup>46</sup> - AT-Taghabeen V.15.

15. "Your wealth and your children are only a trial"

The meaning of the children being a trial in  
this worldly life, was explained by 2 points of view.

The first is related to your intention of raising

your children i.e are you having the intention to

raise your kids as true believers in Allah's Unity

i.e to care for teaching them their religion i.e

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(S.A.W) and to help them to live Islam as

a way of life, and for that goal you will spend

all the time, effort and money believing that

it is all for Allah's Sake i.e your reward

will be only from Allah and not from

your child when he (she) will grow up and

become a source of wealth, prestige and power

for you, i.e. your intention must be for Allah's sake, regarding raising the kids and spending your wealth and time for them.

The second trial is that parents may be so busy

with their children rather than with performing

the good deeds. And let's admit this fact which

most of the mothers especially are living. If we

observe the schedule of any mother in the summer,

we will notice that most of the day, she is

taking her children to sport activities, which is

not bad basically, but it was more better if

she concentrate to teach her children about their

religion during the summer and also that she herself

try to learn more about the rules of the Quran

and Sunna. We always keep our children activities

a priority above our prayer in time or attendance

of an Islamic class, and because of this fact,

Let's recite Surah (63) V. (19).

Surat 63. V. (9:)

9: .O you who believe ! let not your properties  
or your children divert you from the remembrance of  
Allah . And whoso ever does that , then they are the losers<sup>n</sup> .

This is a Command from Allah to His Servants

to remember Him frequently and to refrain from  
being distracted from His remembrance, by being  
busy in their properties and children all the  
time. Allah informs them that: those who engage  
in this life, its delights and attributes and  
were busy from the obedience and remembrance  
of Allah, for which they were created, will be  
among the losers. They will lose themselves and  
their families on the Day of Resurrection, as  
they will realize that they waste their life for  
deceiving enjoyments and they never learn about  
the goal of their creation, now that they live  
Islam as a way of life, accordingly they are the

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great losers on the Day of Judgement.

Again, Allah warned against being busy with the children and to have them as a priority instead of obedience of His Rules. As He mentioned in Surat (64) V. 14.

14. "O you who believe! Verily, among your wives and your children, there are enemies for you, therefore be aware of them."

Allah states that some wives and children are enemies to their <sup>(spouses)</sup> husbands and parents, in that, they might direct them to disobey Allah. As Ibn Abbas (a great companion of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)) said to a man who asked him about this Ayat:

"There were men who embraced Islam in Makkah and wanted to migrate to Allah's Messenger (S.A.W).

However, their wives and children refused to allow them. Later, when they joined Allah's

Messenger (S-A-W), they found that: those who were with him (the Companions) have gained knowledge in the religion so they were about to punish their wives and children. Allah the Exalted sent down this Ayah.

"But If you pardon (them) and overlook, and forgive them verily, Allah is Oft-forgiving Most Merciful."

(13)  
Let's all spouses, always remember this verse of the Quran so that we always try our best to encourage each other to obey Allah's commands and to have "Islam" as a reality in our daily life. Also regarding our children; never to obey any advice if it is against Allah's Rules e.g. some children are after their parents to increase their income from illegal ways e.g. selling wine.....

Also never to excuse the children from their duties towards Allah e.g. praying in time. To continue insha Allahu.

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