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Allah's Knowledge (7)

Man's character (4): Fulfillment of trusts

How the Prophets honour their parents?

Be Fore you Lose your precious jewellery (Part II)
(your parents)

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We Learned last week about the importance of the good treatment, kindness and care for our parents as it is the command of Allah the Allmighty in the Quran and the guidance of prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

Today insha Allah we will learn about:-

- 1) A Hadith of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) related to importance of honouring one's parents:-
- 2) Our duties and obligations towards our parents at their old age.
- 3) Duties to our parents after their death.
- 4) Honouring the parents is a characteristic excelled in Prophets
- 4) A story clarifying the sacrifice of the parents.
- 5) Conclusion
- 6) Duaa to our parents

1. Insha Allah, we will learn more of the Hadiths of prophet Mohamed regarding honouing the parents:

(2) 1. "Whoever wishes to have his life span increased, let him be dutiful to his parents and join the ties of kinship"

2. "There is no doubt that three types of supplication will be answered: the supplication of the oppressed, the supplication of the traveller and the supplication of the parents for their child"

: It is the mercy of Allah that our parents are a way for long life and for answered supplication. Allah the Almighty is encouraging and commanding every son and daughter to treat their parents kindly and with love and care through these blessings (long life - answered supplications). It will be the goal of every believer to know and follow the duties towards the parents.

Duties and obligations towards parents at old age (amanah trust)

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1- Real Love, Love, and Love in form of kind words and good behavior

This is the feeling which old age parents are in great need of. It is the nature of the human spirit that it needs the feeling of love - mercy - compassion - care - support and affection. Your parents gave you all their love at the time when they were strong and healthy, but you were weak, young and in need of love and care so at their old age, they are weak and ill ^{while} you are strong and healthy, so it is your turn to show them all the good feelings which they showed you before. It is the rule of the Quran in Surat 55 Ar-Rahman

V(60) Allah the Almighty said:

"Is there any reward for good other than good"

∴ It is the parents' right that their kids return the love, compassion and mercy to them at their old age.

Again, I need to remind myself and all the believers, that the duty towards parents is an amanah

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(trust) originating from "Love of Allah" - So let ^{we} us

try the best to fulfill it in the best shape.

In reality, when the "Love of Allah" touches your heart then you will feel that your heart is full of Love to all around you.

and you will feel very happy to fulfill your amanah (trust) to every one in the best shape.

So try to feel the truthful love to Allah which will be the source of all the Love to everyone around you especially your parents.

Unfortunate as it is, the Western societies have forgotten these lessons. Young children are rude towards parents. As parents grow, they drive them out and put them in "Senior Citizens Homes". The busy western life has led to break up of the Family. As muslims we expect our kids to adhere to the rules of Quran and sunna i.e the islamic ^{values} and to show respect

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obedience, kindness and care towards parents, and this requires to check about them frequently, to speak to them using honorable speech, to show them that you are always missing them and to bring gifts to them and to prepare for them the food they like, and always to visit them.

Respect and obey:

You should not raise your voice in their presence, you

look at them with anger. You should not wave

your hands when you talk to them, nor interrupt

them when they speak, you should not argue with

them, tell them lies. You should consult them in ^{their} your

affairs and to show interest to know the details of any problems.

To look after and to help:

It is the duty of the grown up children to care

for their parents physically and financially as they

spent their health and wealth for their sake.

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You must feel happy when you clean your parents'

house or take them to the Park or take them to the doctor

or reserve for them in a hotel so that they enjoy a vacation

or to assist them financially without their asking. You

must realize that: Your parents are a trust (amanah)

at their old age, and it is their right that you

look after them, help them and support them by all the

means.

Your new family must love ^{and} respect your parents.

Your husband, and your kids, they will respect your

parents when they observe you respecting them, caring

for them, asking about them, and visiting them. They

must realize that your parents' respect and love

is top priority for you. The love of your parents

is the love of Allah (your parents are the love of Allah)

This is the amanah (trust) of the

parents which everyone needs to fulfill so that

he will be obeying Allah's Commands.

Duties towards parents after their death :-

1. On the authority of Abee-Qatada that the Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said :-

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"When a man dies, all his actions came to an end except three things : a righteous son who prays for him, and charity which grows in reward and knowledge by which people act by after him."

2- Also on the authority of Abee Hauraira may Allah be pleased with him that the Messenger of Allah said : "Indeed what joins a believer from his good actions after his death. knowledge by which people do good actions, and a weak righteous son and a book which is inherited, or building a masjid, a building a home for sons of the way, or charity which is taken from his wealth in good health and life which joins him after his death."

3. "Aman asked the Prophet (S.A.W): Messenger of Allah, can I do any good for my parents after they have died? He replied "Yes: four things:

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supplication for them, fulfilling their obligations, honouring their friends and maintaining the family ties that would not exist but for them."

2. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

(A) "The best of good deeds is for one to do good to those who were loved by his father"

This means that you visit their friends and give them gifts and keep relation with them as you parented loved them."

(B) Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

Jibril came to me and said "Mohamed, whoever lives to see the Month of Ramadan without being forgiven, may Allah distance him! I said "Amin."

Then he said: Mohamed, whoever lives to see

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"his parents, or one of them and does not treat them well and such enters the Fire, may Allah distance him! I said, "Amin". Then he said "Muhammed in whoever's presence you are mentioned and does not invoke peace and blessings upon you may Allah distance him! Say: Amin, I said Amin"

Honouring the parents is the characteristic of the Prophets

- First we need to know that Our Prophet Mohamed was born as an orphan as his father died before his birth, but still he was commanding the muslims to treat their parents with all the Love, respect, care and affection
- In the Quran, Allah the Exalted mentioned the honour and love of the Prophets to their parents
 - A) Allah the Exalted said on the tongue of Prophet Ibrahim (blessings upon him) in Surat Ibrahim (14) V. (40-41)

and also in Surat Ash-Shuara(26) - V. 83 - 86.

B) And Allah the Allmighty said about Prophet Suliman may peace and blessings be upon, in Surat 27. An Naml(17-18-19).

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c) And Allah the Exalted said about Nuh may peace and blessings be upon: in Surat Nuh(71) . V : (26-27-28)

d) And Allah the Allmighty said ^{about} ~~on~~ Ismaheel may peace and blessings be upon him: in Surat 37

As-Saffat(100 -> 107)

This is Ismail, the model son, whom his old aged father, Prophet Ibrahim informed him that he has a seen in a dream that he must sacrifice him. So Ismail said:

- 1- My Father (a world of Love and respect).
- 2- Obey the Commands of Allah.
- 3- I will be, God willing, patient in adversity.

This is an example of perfect humility, submission and obedience to Allah and then to the father.

e). Allah, Glory be to Him the Exalted says about

Essa Ibn Maryam may peace and blessings be upon him
in Surat 19 Maryam V. 30-31. - 32.

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f) And He the Exalted says about Yahya may
peace and blessings be upon him in Surat

(19) Maryam V. 12-13 and 14.

This is John and the book is the Torah given
to Moses. John was given wisdom in his youth
which made him unique in his personality as
he was unique in his birth and name. Allah
also granted him compassion as a specific gift
implanted in his very nature. He did not
have to train himself to be compassionate

Such compassion is necessary for a prophet
who takes care of prophets' hearts and souls
trying always to set them on the course of
goodness with ease.

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In conclusion: just as it is beyond our means to fulfill the rights of Allah the Almighty, and to thank Him for all His bounties, similarly we can never thank our parents sufficiently for their efforts. The only thing we can do is to acknowledge our inability and submit ourselves in humility before these two angels.

In reality, our lives are an extension of our parents' lives, while our children's lives are a continuation of ours. Our good behaviour towards our parents and our kindness towards them, shall cause our children to grow up as grateful and righteous individuals. They shall behave with us just as we have behaved with our own parents.

O Allah, Our Lord, Make us such that we may be grateful for the efforts of our parents and support us to take care of them.

Today: we will learn a story: proving the facts of the Quran

regarding the sacrifice of the parents.

1. Parents sacrifice for children (the boy and the apple tree)

A Long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little

12 boy loved to come and play around it everyday. He climbed

the tree top, ate the apples and took a nap under the

shadow. He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with

him. Time went by, the little boy has grown up and

he no longer played around the tree everyday. One day the

boy came back to the tree and looked sad.

"Come and Play with me" the tree asked the boy.

"I am no longer a kid, I do not play around the trees any

more" the boy replied.

"I want toys, I need money to buy them"

"Sorry, but I do not have money, but you can pick all my

apples and sell them. So you will have money"

the boy was excited. He grabbed all the apples on the

and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples. The tree was sad.

One day, the boy who now turned into a man, returned and the tree was excited.

"Come and play with me" the tree said.

13 "I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?"

"Sorry, but I don't have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house" the tree said.

So the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy, but the man never came back since then. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted.

"Come and play with me" the tree said.

"I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax

"myself" "Can you give me a boat?" said the man.

"Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy."

So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat.

He went sailing and never showed up for a long time.

Finally, the man returned after many years "Sorry, my boy, but I do not have anything for you anymore" the

tree said.

"No more apples for you" the tree said

"No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite" the man replied

"No more trunk for you to climb on"

"I am too old for that now" the man said

"I really can't give you anything, the only thing left is my dying roots" the tree said with tears.

"I do not need much now, just a place to rest, I am tired after all these years" the man replied

"Good, old tree roots are the best place for rest, come sit down with me and rest" the man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears.