

Al-Maktab

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Our Beloved Parents

Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with great ni'mats (favours). Among the greatest bounties that Allah Ta'ala has blessed us is "Our Beloved Parents". As Muslims we are taught to obey them and be good to them. If our parents are happy with us Allah Ta'ala will be happy with us and if they are displeased with us then Allah Ta'ala will also be displeased with us.

Long life and abundant rizq (earnings-sustenance)

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said that whoever wishes to have a long life and abundant rizq (sustenance) must behave kindly to his parents and maintain ties with them.

The doors of Jannah are opened

Hadhrat Ibn Abbaas [Radi Allahu anhu] narrates that Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said, "Whoever gets up in the morning and obeys Allah Ta'ala with regard to his parents (by obeying and being good to them), two doors of Jannah will be opened for him and if one (parent is alive), then one (door of Jannah will be opened for him).

Whoever gets up in the morning, disobedient to Allah Ta'ala with regard to his parents (by disobeying, disrespecting and ill-treating them), two doors of Jahannum will be opened for him and if one (parent is alive), then one (door of Jahannum will be opened for him)." A man asked, "Even if his parents oppress him?" Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] replied, "Even if they oppress him, even if they oppress him, even if they oppress him."

From this Hadith we learn that we are totally indebted to our parents no matter how they may treat us. They work hard day and night only for our good. They provide for all our needs and see to our welfare. They are always there for us when we need them.

We make dua that Allah Ta'ala reward them abundantly from his treasures on our behalf for all that they have done for us. Aameen.

Punishment in this world

Hadhrat Abu Bakrah [radi Allahu anhu] narrates that Raslullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said: "Allah Ta'al forgives whichever sins He wishes except disobedience to parents, for verily a disobedient child will also be punished during his lifetime."

Story

A doctor by the name of Noor Muhammad narrated an incident of one of his father's friends who treated his mother harshly whilst she was on her death bed. He left her to die on her bed all alone.

Thereafter he says, "I always wondered what would be the result of one who treats his parents harshly. After some time my father's friend fell ill and due to excessive diarrhoea became very weak. My father took me to visit him. I saw that he was gone extremely weak and was crying profusely. When I advised him to eat something he burst out crying saying that I have three sons but not one of them ever cares about me. I am sick for such a long time yet they have never come to visit me even once. Thereafter in the dead of the night he died all alone in this condition. By the morning the people of the village found insects eating his body.

May Allah Ta'ala protect us all.

The Blessings of serving one's Parents

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar [Radi Allahu anhu] says that he heard Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] saying that once three people from the Bani Israeel went on a journey. They reached a cave at night and entered it. A huge rock rolled from the top of the mountain and blocked the entrance of the cave. They could not move this huge rock. They decided the only way they will be able to escape from this cave was to make dua to Allah Ta'ala through their pious and accepted actions.

One of them made dua saying, "O Allah! my parents were very old and my habit was to feed them before I fed my wife and children. One day whilst looking for animal feed I went very far in the jungle and was delayed. When I returned home my parents were asleep and I did not want to wake them up. I also did not want to give the milk to my wife and children before them. So I held two glasses of milk in my hands and waited till the morning for my Parents to wake up. My children remained waiting and were crying out of hunger but I did not turn towards them. In the morning when my parents awoke I gave them the milk to drink, then only I gave my children to drink. O Allah! if I had done this action only to please you then allow this rock to move from the entrance which has trapped us."

The rock moved slightly and light came into the cave but not enough for them to escape.

The second person made dua asking Allah Ta'ala to move the rock because he saved himself from committing an evil action out of the fear of Allah. Then the third person made dua asking Allah Ta'ala to move the rock because he multiplied the wages of one of his workers. After that the rock moved further until they all three managed to escape.

Casting a glance of mercy at one's parents

It is reported from Hadhrat Ibn Abbaas [Radi Allahu anhu] that Rasulullah [Salallahu alayhi wasallam] said: "An obedient child who looks towards his parents with mercy, will be rewarded by Allah Ta'ala with an accepted Haj for every glance."

The Sahaabah asked, "Even if he looks at them (with mercy) a hundred times daily?" Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] replied, "Yes! Allah Ta'ala is The Greatest and The Most Pure."

10 Rights of parents

1. Don't not cause harm to your parents.
2. Respect and honour them.
3. Don't speak rudely to them.
4. Don't back chat them.
5. If they ask you to do some work, make sure you do it willingly.
6. In Islaam, the rights of the grandparents are similar to those of the parents. They should be respected as well.
7. Similarly, the rights of your uncles and aunts are similar to those of the parents. This has been taught to us in the Ahaadith.
8. Make the following dua for them "Rabbir hamhuma kama rabbayaani sagheerah" [O! Allah have mercy on them as they had mercy on us when we were small].
9. If one or both your parents has passed away, then continue making duas of forgiveness and mercy for them. Continue sending rewards to them by reciting Qur'aan, giving charity on their behalf etc. Abstain from crying and wai ing aloud or else their souls will be troubled.
10. Meet their friends and relatives in a friendly way and also assist them wherever possible.

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said:

"Adopt a good conduct towards your parents. By doing this you will find that your children will behave well towards you."

10 million duroods Report Back

Masha Allah! What a surprise. How encouraging to see the large number of durood recited by the children and their families in the different Makaatib. May Allah Ta'ala accept this effort and make it a means of attaining His special mercy as well as the love of our beloved Rasul Sayyidina Muhammad [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam].

It seemed that 10 million was too small a target for our children. They recited 30 million. We hope next year this can be increased to 50 million. Insha Allah!

The following is a heart rendering incident mentioned by the mother of one of the pupils in the Shallcross Madrasah.

My Son Aadil Our inspiration

My son Aadil was the eldest of my children. He started madrasah in Shallcross at the age of seven. Despite his asthmatic condition was always punctual for his lessons from a very young age. Two years after attending the madrasah I found his akhlaaq (character) improving. He always dressed according to the sunnah and was never seen without an amaamah (turban). He was always respectful and helpful to his mu'allimahs.

Daily he would gather his classmates and they would all go to madrasah together. He would take special care ensuring that the little one's cross the road safely. He was very particular about gathering his friends for Jmuah Salaah on Friday and Taraweeh Salaah during the month of Ramadhaan.

At home he always helped his mother and granny with household chores. One outstanding quality in him was he always shared what he had with others. On Fridays he would make sure he put his spending money into the masjid collection box. In Ramadhaan he saved his pocket money until he collected ten rands which he gave to his Aapa to give to the poor as Sadaqatul Fitr.

Two months ago when the Ta'limi Board initiated the durood challenge, Aadil took it very seriously. After listening to the virtues of durood shareef, he dedicated much of his time to its recitation. (He was due to receive the certificate for the most amount of durood recited in his Madrasah). During this time he began having beautiful dreams. He dreamt of a handsome man wearing an amaamah and a white kurta. He could not see his face due to the noor emanating there-from. He also dreamt of a beautiful garden with beautiful flowers the like of which has never been seen in this world. The third dream he saw himself and his parents going to Madinah. There were many people present and he could feel the presence of Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam]. Thereafter they went to Makkah where he performed tawaaf of the Ka'bah.

He always asked me (his mother) to leave work and spend my time at home saying that this world is of no value. [I have since left work]. He would tell everyone to stop watching television. He always wanted to become a Haafiz and made a firm intention to do so next year.

On Monday 21 May 2007 he suffered an asthma attack and breathed his last at the age of eleven. May Allah Ta'ala fill his qabar with Noor and make him an inspiration for the entire Ummah Aameen.

His Mother.....

Total number of Durood
Shareef recited



30 269 940

Maktab News

Quiz

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Al-hamdulillah the exams are all over and everyone is in the holiday mood. May Allah Ta'ala accept all the hard work and effort you put into learning for the exam. I'm sure all of you passed with flying colours.

It was so heart rendering to see the wonderful response towards the durood shareef challenge. This is a true sign of your love for Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] . Try to make this a habit. Daily recite at least a hundred durood. This will bring a great amount of barakah, happiness and peace in our lives. Insha Allah. May Allah Ta'ala accept everyone's contribution and make it a means of attaining the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala as well as the intercession of our beloved Nabi [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] on the day of Qiyaamah. Aameen.

The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Razeena Sheikh Hameed	T.Manor	Grade 3
2. Nadira Essop	Haven Park	Grade 3
3. Saarah Amra	Victoria St.	Grade 2
4. Mehnaaz Malek	Millview	Grade 0
5. Yusuf MullahR.	Hills	Grade 7

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah! You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best projects for each grade are as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Xavier Walker	Mad. Arqam	Grade 1
2. Tasneem Khan Mad. Noor	[Kokstad]	Grade 2
3. Taskeen Lakhi	Morningside	Grade 3
4. Saadiya Malek	Dundee	Grade 4
5. Faatima Omarjee	Bergville	Grade 5
6. Sumayya Vawda	Vryheid	Grade 6
7. Najjiyah Tickly	Vryheid	Grade 7

Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R30-00 cash.

1. Beneath whose feet does Janah lie?
2. In whose displeasure lies Allah's displeasure?
3. What was the name of the Sa-haabi who gave preference to his wife over his mother?
4. What was the result of this?
5. What dua are we taught in the Qur'aan to make for our parents?
6. If we disobeyed our parents and they pass away, how can we cover up after their death?
7. What is the reward for casting a glance of mercy at our parents?
8. For which sin will one be punished in this world also?
9. How can we get a long life and blessings in our rizq?
10. What must we do if we want our children to be good to us?



Theme

This month's theme is **“Our Beloved Parents”**. Do a project on one of the following:

1. The role our parents in Islaam.
2. How my parents influenced my life.

All entries must be handed in by 31 August 2007.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your madrasah and your grade on the cover of your project. Jazak Allah. Please separate the quiz and the projects.