

Al-Maktab

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Our Beloved Parents

Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with great ni'mats (favours). Among the greatest favours that Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with 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 towards 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 Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said: "*Allah Ta'ala forgives whichever sins He wishes to forgive 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 end 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 extremely weak and was crying profusely. When I advised him to eat something he burst out crying, saying, "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 that 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 I fed 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, and then only did I give 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 entered the cave but was not enough for them to escape.

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

Casting a glance of mercy at one's parents

It is reported from Hadhrat Ibn Abbaas [Radi Allahu an-hu] 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 [Radi Allahu anhum] 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."*

Rights of Parents

1. Do 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 Ka-ma Rabbayaani Sa-gheerah"* [O! Allah Have Mercy On Them As They Had Mercy On Us When We Were Small].
9. If One Or Both Of Your Parents Has Passed Away, Then Continue Making Dua 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 Wailing 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."

PARENTS COLUMN

Children Please Not Kids

Dear Parent

Many people call their children kids. A kid is a baby goat. The farmer sees to its feeding, sleeping and its outward comforts. The question is; as parents, are we raising kids, (little goats) or are we nurturing real children?

Kids are simply fed and allowed complete freedom, whilst children are thought, trained and disciplined.

Children are the best imitators. We have to become role models. Unfortunately today they imitate the crazy cartoon and game characters, because they are always watching them and playing with them. The cell phone, tablet and play station have become tools of disrespect. The uncontrolled usage of these tools have turned our innocent children into war

machines. To add to the problem, their clothing, bedding, toys and stationery are full of animate pictures and angels do not enter a house in which there are animate pictures. Remember! When erasing the picture, the entire head must be removed / erased and not just the eyes.

If we plant carrots, green beans won't grow. If our children are fed haraam (forbidden), how do we expect halaal (pure) actions to come out. We should teach our children to always ask and find out before eating or drinking anything.

Ensure that our boys perform their Salaah in the Masjid, and on Fridays they obtain leave for the Jumuah Salaah.

At times the Jumuah Salaah is their only

link with the Masjid, and if that is broken then they will lose their Islam.

Bringing up a child takes lots of care and attention. We have to do it gradually and be at it every day. Many parents loose themselves and explode on their children. This is not going to help the situation. Rather it is a gradual step by step process, where, with love and care, we take our little ones from stage to stage until they reach perfection. We should continue to teach them with tolerance and constant reminders. At the end we should hand over all our results solely to Allah Ta'ala.

Two Important Hadith

Nabi Muhammad (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said, "Jannah lies beneath the feet of the mother."
He also said, "Allah is displeased with the person whose father is displeased with him."

Dua for Parents

Allah Ta'ala has taught us a beautiful dua to make for our parents. We should learn it and read it every day.

رَبِّ اَرْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا

O Allah! Have mercy upon them as they had mercy upon me when I was small.

Visiting the Grave of one's Parents on Friday

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, "Whoever visits his parent's grave every Friday, will be granted maghfirat (forgiveness) and he will be recorded as an obedient son."

Your parents are either your Jannah or your Jahannam

QUIZ

Answer all Questions and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. Which favour is among the greatest favour that Allah has given us?
2. What is the prescription for a long life and abundant rizq?
3. Beneath whose feet does Jannah lie?
4. In whose displeasure lies Allah Ta'ala's displeasure?
5. Mention any five rights of parents?
6. If we disobeyed our parents and they pass away, how can we compensate 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. What dua should we make for our parents?
10. What must we do if we want our children to be good to us?

PROJECT

Do a project on one of the following:

1. The role of parents in Islaam.
2. Importance of Respect to seniors.

All entries must be handed in by **24 April 2017**. Winners in each grade will receive a R100.00 cash prize. Grades 1-2 (1 page A4). Grades 3-7 (3-5 pages A4)

N.B. Please write your name, your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on the cover of your project in big bold writing. Jazak Allah.



Most beloved Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

This month's Al-Maktab theme is all about respect for Parents. From this young age we should try our best to be respectful and obedient to them. In fact, Allah Ta'ala commands us in the Qur-aan that we should not even say 'uff' to them, but rather speak to them kindly. There is an old saying that is tried and proven over the centuries, "One who is respectful is successful and a disrespectful person will always be a loser."

Being rude and disrespectful is the way of shaytaan. Shaytaan is our worst enemy and we should stay away as far as we can from imitating him. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the ability to really appreciate our parents and to respect them. Aameen.

If we have been disrespectful to our Parents in the past, we should try and make up by sincerely asking them for forgiveness and serving them. Serve them with love and receive their duas, for the duas of a parent for his/her child is readily accepted!

Jazakumullah to all those who submitted entries for the quiz and the projects. May Allah Ta'ala accept all your efforts. The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Umm Kulthoom	Tongaat	Grade 3
2. Ayesha Moolla	Shallcross	Grade 6
3. Yusra Khan	R. Hills	Grade 4
4. Zia Aamaarah Jumat	Eastview	Grade 3
5. Nabiha Cassim	Ashrafiyyah	Grade 4

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
Khadeejah Chohan	Bergville	Grade 1
Sameera Patel	Kokstad	Grade 2
Yusuf M Yunus	R. Hills	Grade 3
M Miraan Omarjee	Silverglen	Grade 4
Khadijah Shaikh	Empangeni	Grade 5
Sarah Bhayla	Scottsville	Grade 6
Maariyaah Kadir	Redfern	Grade 7