

Al-Maktab

Maktab Pupil's NewsLetter

Speaking the Truth



Speaking the truth is a sacred feature in Islam. In the Mubaarak Ahaadith, Rasulullah ﷺ has commanded us to be truthful. Rasulullah ﷺ has mentioned:

عَلَيْكُمْ بِالصِّدْقِ
 "Be truthful"

In another Hadith it is mentioned that Nabi ﷺ was once asked, "Can a Mu'min be a stingy person?" Nabi ﷺ replied, "Yes". He was then asked, "Can a Mu'min be a liar?" Nabi ﷺ replied, "Never."

From these two Ahadith we understand the importance of speaking the truth and refraining from speaking lies. We should always ensure that we speak the truth and never lie, because the truth will save us from many problems and lies will put us into big trouble.

Benefits of Speaking the Truth

1. Truthfulness leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah.
2. A person continues to be truthful until he is recorded to be truthful by Allah Ta'ala.

3. Rasulallah ﷺ stands guarantee for a house in the middle of Jannah for the one who avoids lying, even if he was joking.
4. Always adhere to the truth although outwardly it may seem that there is some loss in it, for indeed in it lies salvation.

Harms of speaking lies

Many harms of speaking lies have been mentioned in the Ahaadith. The following are some of the harms related to speaking lies:

1. Lying leads a person to evil, and evil leads to Jahannam.
2. A man continues to lie until he is recorded as a liar by Allah Ta'ala.
3. Destruction is for the one who speaks lies to make people laugh.
4. Speaking lies is one of the signs of a person being a Munaafiq (hypocrite).
5. When a person speaks lies then the angels flee from him one or two miles (3.2 km) away.
6. A person continues to lie and black spots appear on his heart, until his entire heart turns black.
7. There is no sin in the eyes of Allah Ta'ala greater than speaking lies.
8. It is hoped that a person will someday leave out all evil habits except for a liar, for this habit is difficult to abandon.

Punishment for the one who speaks lies

It was the noble habit of Rasulallah ﷺ that after the Fajr Salaah he used to turn and face the Sahaabah radiyallahu anhum and ask them: "Did anyone of you see any dream last night?" If anyone saw a dream, he would relate it to him and he would give some interpretation to it. As was his habit, he once asked if anyone had seen a dream. They all said that they had not seen any dream. He then said: "I saw a dream last night in which two people came to me, took hold of my hand and led me towards a sacred place.



I saw a man sitting and another standing with scissors in his hand. He was tearing open the sitting man's cheek until it reached his neck. He then did the same with the other cheek. In the meantime, the first cheek came back to normal. I asked who is this person?" One of them said: "He is a liar. He used to speak lies until he became famous everywhere. He will continue receiving this punishment right until the day of Qiyaamah."

Story about Shaikh Abdul Qaadir Jilaani (rahmatullahi alayh)

Hadhrat Abdul Qaadir Jilaani (rahmatullahi alayh) was a very great saint. When he was a young boy, he decided to go to Baghdad to learn Islamic knowledge. Before leaving, his mother gave him 40 gold coins and sewed them in an inside pocket. She then told him never to speak a lie. He promised his mother that he will obey her and not speak a lie.

In those days there were no cars, trains or planes. People used to travel in groups forming a caravan. Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) also joined a caravan going to Baghdad.

On the way, a gang of robbers attacked the caravan and started stealing. A robber came to Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) and asked if he had any money. He replied that he had 40 gold coins. The robber thought that he was joking so he left him alone.

After a while, another robber came and asked Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) if he had any money. Again he replied that he had 40 gold coins. The robber didn't believe him because he looked like he was poor. The second robber also left him alone. The news of this young boy reached the leader of the robbers. The leader told them to bring the young boy to him.

When Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) was brought, the leader of the robbers asked him if he had any money. Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) replied that he had 40 gold coins with him. The leader of the robbers asked, "Where is it?" "Sewn in an inside pocket." he replied. The leader told one of the robbers to search the young boy. When the robber searched him, he found the 40 gold coins which were hidden in an inside pocket. On seeing this, all the robbers were surprised. The leader said, "You know we are robbers and we steal money from people. Your money was safely hidden. If you lied to us that you did not have any money, we would have believed you and your money would have been safe. What made you speak the truth and show us your money?"



Shaikh Abdul Qaadir (rahmatullahi alayh) replied, "Before I left home, my mother told me never to speak a lie. Therefore I will not disobey my

mother, not even for the sake of 40 gold coins.” The words of this young boy greatly affected the leader of the robbers who said, “This boy has obeyed his mother whereas I have disobeyed Allah Ta’ala for my whole life. I make taubah for my sins and promise not to trouble anyone for the rest of my life.” The other robbers also made taubah and returned all the money to the people. They then lived their lives obeying Allah Ta’ala and became His close friends.

Company of the Truthful Ones

Allah Ta’ala encourages us in the Qur’aan Shareef to sit in the company of the truthful ones. Allah Ta’ala says,



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

“O’ You who believe, fear Allah and be with those who are truthful”

This Aayat means that being with the truthful will make us speak the truth and do good actions. This will be a means of us being saved from calamities and this will make a way out for us from our problems.

Parents Corner

It should be borne in mind that the upbringing of children in the proper manner is of primary importance. This is because whatever habits, good or bad, they learn in their childhood, remains with them for the rest of their lives. If the following matters are discouraged from the time of infancy till they reach maturity, then the quality of speaking the truth will be embedded in his/her heart and mind:

1. Speaking lies
2. Covering up stories
3. Carrying tales
4. Justifying whatever he does or says
5. To unnecessarily "make up" stories
6. Speaking excessively without any benefit
7. Cheating or deceiving anyone

We should always inculcate hatred for the above actions in our child, i.e. teach him/her to hate the above acts.