



TARBIYAT Series

Respect for parents

وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا - “Be good to your parents (Qur-aan)”

Among the greatest bounties of Allah Ta'ala upon us is the blessing of our “Beloved Parents.” As Muslims we are taught to always 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 ﷺ has said, “Whoever wishes to have a long life and abundant rizq (sustenance) must behave kindly to his parents and maintain good ties with them.” This means that we must always be good to our parents and always be in contact with them. By doing this, Allah Ta'ala will bless us with a long life and lots of wealth.

THE DOORS OF JANNAH ARE OPENED

Rasulullah ﷺ 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 Jahannam will be opened for him and if one (parent is alive), then one (door of Jahannam will be opened for him).” A man asked, “Even if his parents oppress him?” Rasulallah ﷺ 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 us and see to our welfare. They are always there for us when we need them.

PUNISHMENT IN THIS WORLD

Rasulullah ﷺ said: “Allah Ta'ala forgives all sins except disobedience to parents, for verily a disobedient child will first be punished in his lifetime.”

A GLANCE OF MERCY

Rasulullah ﷺ 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 رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ asked, “Even if he looks at them (with mercy) a hundred times daily?” Rasulallah ﷺ replied, “Yes! Allah Ta'ala is much greater and much purer than that.”

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE GOOD TO YOU?

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “Be good to your parents. By doing this your children will be good to you.”

RIGHTS OF PARENTS

1. Don't not cause harm to your parents.
2. Respect and honour them. Don't speak rudely to them.
3. If they ask you to do some work, make sure you do it willingly.
4. In Islam, the rights of the grandparents are similar to those of the parents. They should be respected as well.
5. Make the following dua for them “Rabbir hamhuma kama rabbayaani sagheerah” (O! Allah have mercy on them as they had mercy on me when I were small).
6. If one or both your parents have passed away, 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.
7. Meet their friends and relatives in a good friendly way.