



# Al-Maktab

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## Khidmat (Serving People)

Rasulullah ﷺ has encouraged us to always be helpful to people. He once said that, “The best person is the one who helps others.” Wherever we can help or assist people we should try our best to help them. The Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) competed with one another to help others. In Urdu there is a nice saying: “*Khidmat sê khuda milta hê*” (Through khidmat (serving people), you will reach Allah Ta’ala.)

Making khidmat (serving and helping people) is an easy way of pleasing Allah Ta’ala and getting close to our Creator. We all want Allah Ta’ala to love us. When we help and assist people, they begin to love us and Allah Ta’ala will also love us. Allah Ta’ala’s special help and mercy comes down to a person who helps and serves others.

### **Hadhrat Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ serves Rasulullah ﷺ**

Hadhrat Anas (radiyallahu anhu) was a young boy when Rasulullah ﷺ arrived in Madinah Munawwarah. His mother took him to Rasulullah ﷺ and said to him, “I am leaving my son Anas with you. Let him be of service to you O prophet of Allah.” Hadhrat Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was only 8 years old at that time but he happily served Rasulullah ﷺ for many years. He helped out wherever he could and did all the daily chores for Rasulullah ﷺ. Rasulullah ﷺ was extremely pleased with his khidmat (service) and made three special duas for him:

1. May Allah bless him with a long life.
2. May Allah bless him with many children.
3. May Allah bless him with barakah (blessings) in his earnings.

Hadhrat Anas (radiyallahu anhu) lived thereafter till the ripe old age of 120. He had over 100 children and was from amongst the wealthiest people of the Ansaar. Everyone’s date trees would bear fruit once a year whilst his trees would bear fruit twice a year. Subhaanallah! How lucky was this young boy who earned the duas of Rasulullah ﷺ by serving him.

Beloved children, we too can earn the duas of our parents and teachers by serving and helping them. All we need to do is, look for opportunities and think of ways how we can serve them. An easy start would be to do simple chores at home. For example, making our beds every morning, keeping our room clean and tidy, helping to set and clear the dastarkhan (eating table) at meal times. Let us try doing these simple tasks at home and see how we will earn the duas of our parents. It is these duas that will carry us throughout our lives.

**Laziness:** Laziness is the quality of shaytaan. Shaytaan gets very happy when he sees a Muslim being lazy. This is because being helpful and serving others is a great sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ for which there is great reward. Rasulallah ﷺ used to clean his own clothes and milk the goats at home. Rasulallah ﷺ taught us a beautiful dua, asking Allah Ta'ala's protection from laziness. The dua is:

رَبِّ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ

O Allah, I seek your protection from laziness

Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah (rahmatullahi alayh), a great saint used to say: “Susti ka ilaaj chusti hē” [The cure for laziness is work]. If we get into the habit of doing work, laziness will automatically disappear.

If our parents send us on an errand like going to deliver something to the neighbour or going to fetch something from a relative's home, we should happily do it for our parents. We must never make a fuss or fight and be lazy to help our parents and teachers.

### Story of Mufti Muhammad Shafee (RA)

Mufti Muhammad Shafi (rahmatullahi alayh) was a great Aalim in India. He used to teach in a big Darul Uloom and was also the Mufti of the whole of India. Once, whilst he was on his way for the Fajr Salaah, he saw an extremely old, weak lady struggling to carry a bucket of water. She went to a well, drew out a bucket of water and was taking it back home. Because she was so old, she could only manage to take a few steps with the heavy bucket and then she had to sit down to take a rest. Mufti Saahib saw an opportunity to help this old lady and earns sawaab (rewards) from Allah Ta'ala. He immediately took the bucket from her and carried it all the way to her house. As he turned around to return, he could hear her making lots of duas for him. He thought to himself that this was indeed a real bargain. So little effort and so much of duas to earn. After this, Hadhrat Mufti Saahib made sure that he was there every morning to assist this old lady and take her duas.



**Lesson:** Many a times, the barkat (blessings) we see in our lives is because of some khidmat (help and service) we made for someone. Who knows which persons duas could become a means of our success!

### Rasulallah ﷺ does housework

Hadhrat Aaishah [radiyallahu anha] says that “Rasulallah ﷺ used to help with all the household work and when the time for salaah would approach, he would leave immediately for salaah.” Once someone asked her, “What work did Rasulallah ﷺ do at home?” She replied, “Rasulallah ﷺ was a man amongst men. He would clean his own clothes, milk the goats and take care of himself.”

If we do our own work at home and help our parents we will be following in the footsteps of Rasulallah ﷺ. Many of us have become very lazy at home. Instead of assisting with house work we want to be served by our parents. Helping each other will bring about a loving, caring environment in our homes.

May Allah Ta'ala bless us all with the ability to follow in the mubaarak footsteps of our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. Aameen.