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Allah has sent Rasulallah (s.a.w) with Islam, the complete and perfect code of life. The prophethood of Rasulallah (s.a.w) is universal and thus extends to all nations, through all eras, until the day of Qiyaamah. Hence, the religion of Islam is a universal religion that will stand the tests and challenges of all times. The comprehensive guidance which Islam provides man with, to lead him through every moment in his life, is unparalleled and unprecedented. Among the salient features of Islam is showing compassion towards the creation. The Holy Qur'an and the Ahaadith of Rasulallah (s.a.w) are replete with commands and exhortations regarding fulfilling the rights of the creation and showing kindness to them. Islam is second to none in sympathising with the orphans, widows, destitute and taking care of the old, the sick and all those in financial constraints and difficulties. Islam teaches us to pour out our hearts to the creation and assist -to the best of our ability- those who are in need, morally, financially or physically, regardless of whether they enjoy family ties with us or not. This aspect of kindness and compassion formed a prominent part of the noble character of Rasulallah (s.a.w) and was among his sublime qualities throughout his mubaarak life, even before prophethood.

Taking Care of the Widows and Orphans

Special rewards have been promised in the Ahaadith for those who take care of the orphans and widows and fulfil their needs. Nabi (s.a.w) said: ***"The best home is the home wherein an orphan child is taken care of with love and compassion, and the worst home is the home wherein an orphan child is ill-treated."*** (Abu Dawood) In another Hadith, Rasulallah (s.a.w) mentioned: ***"The one who takes care and looks after the orphan will be this close to me in Jannah,"*** and he indicated by bringing his two

fingers, the index finger and the middle finger, close to each other, showing the proximity they will enjoy with him in the Akhirat (Bukhaari). In another Hadith, Rasulullah (s.a.w) said: "The one who fulfils the needs of the widows and destitute will receive the reward of one striving in the path of Allah Ta'ala, or one who stands in Salaah during the night and fasts during the day." (Bukhaari)

Fulfilling the Rights of Parents

As far as the rights that one owes towards his parents are concerned, Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur'an: "**Allah has ordained that you worship Him alone and show kindness to parents.**" (Surah 17:23) In this verse, we notice that after commanding man to worship Allah, the Qur'an immediately thereafter commands him to show kindness towards his parents. We thus understand that kindness towards parents has been afforded such a lofty position in Deen that it has been joined to the worship of Allah Ta'ala.

It is reported in the Hadith that one's parents are his Jannah or Jahannam. (Ibnu Maajah) By obeying them and showing kindness to them, he will earn Jannah, and by disobeying them and ill-treating them, he will earn Jahannam. Special mention is made in the Qur'an regarding showing love and affection towards one's parents when they reach old age and are unable to fend for themselves. Allah Ta'ala says: "*If any one of them or both reach old age, do not say to them words of contempt, and do not scold them, and address them with words of honour. And lower your side of humility for them out of compassion, and say: My Lord! Bestow mercy upon them as they have raised me (with mercy) in my childhood.*" (Surah 17:23-24)

The Need of the time

In this belated era, where every effort is directed towards worldly progress and material acquisition, we find Muslims drifting from the Mubaarak way of Rasulullah (s.a.w) and the Sahaabah. The rapid degeneration of Islamic values is being witnessed around the globe. As a result, taking care of one's parents, grandparents or any old member of the family has become a major problem and is viewed as a burden. This lamentable situation has reached the point where people regard taking care of the old to be an obstacle in the path of their worldly pleasures and comforts. This becomes more evident during the vacation period when people embark on holiday trips and abandon the old to feel

neglected and distraught, whereas taking care of the old and ill are among the great, blessed opportunities that Allah Ta'ala offers for one to earn His divine pleasure and the great rewards of the Hereafter. Rasulullah (s.a.w) said: "You gain divine assistance and are blessed with sustenance from Allah Ta'ala on account of the weak (and old) among you." (Bukhaari)

Fulfilling the Rights of Family Members and the Muslims in General

In the aforementioned verse, after commanding man to fulfil the rights he owes towards his parents, Allah Ta'ala commands him to fulfil the rights he owes to his family. Allah Ta'ala says: *"Give your family their rights, and the poor and the traveller (who does not have provisions), and do not waste. Those who waste (their wealth) are in reality the brothers of Shaytaan."* (Surah 17:26)

The commentators of the Qur'an have explained that the link between both commands (i.e Allah Ta'ala commanding man to fulfil the rights he owes towards his family and thereafter cautioning him against wastage of wealth and calling such people who waste "the brothers of Shaytaan") is that when Shaytaan encourages one to spend his wealth in amusement, entertainment and avenues that Allah Ta'ala did not allow, he begins to neglect his responsibility towards his parents, family members and the poor and needy of the Ummah and thus deprives them of their haqq (rights).

The blessing of kindness at home

Islam is a beautiful religion, full of wisdom and harmony. If this wonderful religion is followed properly then a typical Muslim would only be a great example to follow. The Prophet (s.a.w) said: ***"The most perfect believer in faith is the one who is best in moral character..."*** [At-Tirmithi]

Spreading kindness at home:

A'ishah may Allah be pleased with her said: "The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) said: ***'When Allah, The Almighty, Wills some good towards the people of a household, He introduces kindness among them.'***"

According to another report: ***"When Allah loves the people of a household, He introduces kindness among them."*** [Ibn Abu Ad-Dunyaa] In other words, they start to be kind to one another.

This is one of the means of attaining happiness at home, for kindness is very beneficial between the spouses, and with the children, and it brings

results that cannot be achieved through harshness, as the Prophet (s.a.w) said: ***“Allah loves kindness and rewards for it in such a way that He does not reward for harshness or for anything else.”***

Helping the wife with the housework (fathers should also help at home):

Many men think that housework is beneath them, and some of them think that it will undermine their status and position if they help their wives with this work. The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) however, used to ***“sew his own clothes, mend his own shoes and do whatever other work men do in their homes.”***

This is how ‘A’ishah may Allah be pleased with her responded when she was asked about what the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) used to do in his house; she described what she herself had seen. According to another report, she said: ***“He was like any other human being; he would clean his clothes, milk his ewe and serve himself.”***

If we Muslim men were to do likewise nowadays, we would achieve three things:

1. We would be following the example of the Prophet (s.a.w).
2. We would be helping our wives.
3. We would feel more humble and down to earth.

These narrations should act as a reminder to those men, who demand food instantly from their wives, when the pot is on the stove and the baby is screaming to be fed; they do not pick up the child or wait a little while for the food.

Being affectionate towards and joking with the members of the family:

Showing affection towards one’s wife and children is one of the things that lead to creating an atmosphere of happiness and friendliness in the home.

“The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) kissed Al-Hasan Ibn ‘Ali, and Al-Aqra’ Ibn Haabis At-Tameemi was sitting with him. Al-Aqra’ said: ‘I have ten children and I have never kissed any one of them.’ The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) looked at him and said: ‘The one who does not show mercy will not be shown mercy.’” [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

Spread kindness in whatever possible. Remember it's a form of charity. Whatever you do will come back to you in some way, somehow, some day.

MADRASAH NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- ☑ Madrasah will be closed for 1 week from **Monday 23rd December** and Reopen on **Monday 30th January 2019**.
- ☑ Football session starting from **Sunday 22nd December** 10am till 11am at IMWS. Thereafter continuing every Sunday same time.

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Class 1	Safoorah Seedat	
Class 2	M.Hamza Seedat	
Class 3	Hamzah Shervani	
Class 4	Ahyaan Achhala	
Class 5	Zainab Wadee	
Class 6B	Abdul Azeem Bham	
Class 6G	Isra Khan	
Class 7	Maryam Karolia	
Class 8	Muhammad Ali Islam	
Class 9	Kaashif Mamaniat	

Sunnah of the month

1. Upon awakening rub the face and the eyes with both the palms.
2. Boys should wear their trousers above the ankles; Girls should have their garment /trousers below the ankles.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Your Kindness is your Strength”