

Parents...

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Let's be reminded of the true position of our Parents, may Allah have mercy on them

By the Ijma' of the Ulamaa', being respectful and obedient to ones parents is Fard! Ibn Hazm said, "(Obeying ones parents) is Fard!" and he quoted the verse: 'And your Lord decreed that you should worship none but Him & that you be dutiful to your Parents.'

Allah's love comes when our parents love us. Allah's anger comes when our parents are angry with us. Ibn Abbas (ra) said, "There are three things that will not be accepted if it's mate is not fulfilled: 'Thank Me (Allah) & your Parents' [31:14] Ibn Abbaas continued, "whoever thanks Allah and is not thankful to his parents, Allah will not accept from him."

Kindness to parents has been outlined by many scholars as follows:

(1) He should place the pleasure of his parents above the pleasure of anyone else, including himself and his wife and kids. They MUST always come FIRST- no matter what. ✓

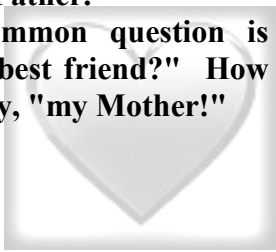
(2) He should obey them in everything they command or forbid, whether it agrees with his desires or not, so long as they do not command the disobedience of Allah. ✓

(3) He should present them with everything he feels they desire, whether they ask for it or not. He should present it with kindness and mercy, understanding, no matter what he does, his shortcomings in fulfilling the true kindness that his parents deserve. ✓

We all want Allah to accept from us, we would all like to enter Paradise. Look down and you will find paradise at the feet of your mother.



For many of us, our friends are more precious to us than our Mother and Father. Forgetful we are of the time a man came to the Prophet (saw) and asked him who is more worthy of his dear companionship. He, (saw) said, "your Mother!" The man asked again and again, and the Prophet (saw) replied, "Your Mother! Your Mother!" Until on the fourth time he, (saw) said, "Your Father." Today, when the common question is asked, "Who is your best friend?" How many people would say, "my Mother!"



During the funeral of his mother, Al Haarith Al-Aklee (ra) wept. When asked for the reason of his tears he said, "Why should I not cry when one of my doors to Paradise has now closed?"

A man asked the Prophet (saw) "What deed is most beloved by Allah?" He (saw) said, "Salah on time." The man asked, "And then?" He, (saw) said, "Respecting ones parents." He said, "And then?" "Jihad for the sake of Allah." (Muslim)



Respecting our parents will lead us to Jannah! In Muslim, from Abu Hurayrah (ra):

I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw) say, "May he perish! May he perish! May he perish!" It was asked, "Who, O Messenger of Allah?" The Prophet (saw) said, "He whose parents attain old age in his life – one or both of them – and he does not enter Paradise (because of his goodness towards them)."

The Prophet (saw) said, "The Pleasure of Allah is from the pleasure of the parents, and the anger of Allah is from the anger of the parents."

Dhibyaan ibn Ath-Thowree (ra) used to travel with his mother to Makkah in the scorching heat. He would dig a little pool and fill it with cool water. Then he would turn to his mother and say, "Ummi, sit in this water to cool yourself."



The Messenger of Allah (saw) said:
"The look of a child towards his parents out of love for them is an act of worship."



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Imam as-Şadiq (peace be upon him) has said (in regards to one's parents): "Do not cast your gaze upon them except with love and compassion; do not raise your voice above theirs; do not raise your hands above theirs; do not walk ahead of them."

Making our Parents upset is one of the many ways to earn Allah's anger. Imam Ahmad narrates: A man came to the Prophet (saw) to give him his pledge of Allegiance. He said, "I have come to pledge allegiance to you for Hijrah! And I have left both my parents behind crying" The Prophet (saw) commanded him, "Go back, and the same way that you made them cry, make them laugh."

Ibn Umar (ra) said,
"Making ones parents cry is amongst the Uqooq, a major sin!"

O Allah, forgive us and our parents, and reward them with the finest reward. O Allah, elevate their position in the hereafter and this Dunya; make that which befalls them an expiation for their sins. O Allah, grant them residence in Firdous, along with the very best of your creation. And make us amongst those who realise their true worth before they depart from this world—Ameen!