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INTRODUCTION

All praise is due to Allah. We praise Him and seek His forgiveness. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide him. And whoever He misguides, none can guide him. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allah, who has no partners. And I testify that Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is His servant and Messenger.

To proceed:

I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Shaytan. In the name of Allah, the Most-Merciful, Ever-Merciful:

﴿وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أَفٍ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾
وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾﴾

“Your Rabb has ordained that you worship none but Him, and show kindness to parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, do not say to them a word of annoyance nor scold them, rather speak to them noble words, and lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy, and say, “My Rabb, have mercy upon them as they raised me when I was small.””

[Surah Al-Isra 17:23-24]

My respected brethren in Islam!

“Mother” is another name for the one who is gentle, shows

sincerity, is purely loving and makes sacrifices for her children. “Mother” is that beautiful being on earth, whose mere mention brings the thoughts of love, care, coolness and gentleness to our minds. For us, her shadow is like a shadow which is accompanied with serenity. When the sun is at its peak, her affection becomes like the canopy of a tree, shading her children from harm. Her warm lap makes her children forget how cold the weather is. She’ll walk on bridges of thorns, but will always make her children lie down and sleep in a bed of the softest of flowers. She’ll gather all the worries of this world inside her chest, but will always put a smile on her face so her children aren’t disheartened. Allah did not create a being more loving on earth than a Mother. A storm can come and a hurricane can cause havoc in her way, but her love for her children will never decrease.

She never reminds her children of the favors she has provided for them. She never asks anything in return for the love she showed you when you were young. She sacrifices everything to keep on showering her love to her children. The truth is that a Mother’s love is like a limitless ocean. The amount of love she has for her children can never be measured. To measure the length of this ocean based only on her sincerity and sacrifices cannot be done. Every religion and sect consider Mothers to be beings’ worthy of respect and honor.

My dear readers!

Every year on the 2nd week of May, “Mother’s day” is celebrated around the world. Islam on the other hand teaches us that Mothers are honored every day. Hence, in today’s Friday sermon, we will mention the status of Mothers in Islam and how well they are treated in it, so that our love for our Mother’s doesn’t last for just a day, but makes us love them and take care of them till our last breath.

MOTHERS IN LIGHT OF THE QUR'AN

Allah said:

﴿وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصْلُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ إِنِّي تُبِّتُّ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾﴾

“We have enjoined upon man kindness to his parents. His mother bore him in hardship and gave birth to him in hardship, and his bearing and weaning take thirty months, until when he reaches full maturity and reaches forty years, he says, “My Rabb, inspire me to be grateful to Your favors which You blessed me and my parents with, and to do righteous deeds that will make You pleased; and make my offspring righteous. Indeed, I repent to you, and I am one of the Muslims [submitting to You].”

[Surah Al-Ahqaf 46:15]

Allah said:

﴿وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ مُخْتَلًا فَخُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

“Worship Allah and do not associate any partners with Him. Be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the needy, near and distant neighbors, close friends, wayfarers, and slaves whom you own. For Allah does not like those who are arrogant, boastful.”

[Surah Al-Nisa 4:36]

Allah said:

﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَذِي
الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاثُوا الزَّكَاةَ ثُمَّ
تَوَلَّيْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾﴾

“And [remember] when We took a covenant from the Children of Israel, “Do not worship except Allah; be kind to parents and kindred, and to orphans and those in need; speak good words to people; establish prayer; and give Zakah.” But then you turned away paying no heed, except a few of you.”

[Surah Al-Baqarah 2:83]

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أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾
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[Surah Al-Isra 17:23-24]

I have been afflicted by a tremendous sin. Is there any repentance for me?’ He said: ‘Is your mother alive?’ The man said: ‘No.’ He said: ‘Do you have any maternal aunts?’ The man said: ‘Yes.’ He said: ‘Then be dutiful to them.’”

[Sunan Al-Tirmidhi 1904; Sahih]

3. Treating her well protects you from worries:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“Once three people (from the previous nations) were traveling, and suddenly it started raining and they took shelter in a cave. The entrance of the cave got closed while they were inside. They said to each other, ‘O you! Nothing can save you except the truth, so each of you should ask Allah's Help by referring to such a deed as he thinks he did sincerely (i.e. just for gaining Allah's Pleasure)...’ ...The second one said:

اللَّهُمَّ إِن كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ كَانَ لِي أَبَوَانِ شَيْخَانِ كَبِيرَانِ، فَكُنْتُ آتِيَهُمَا كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ بِلَبَنٍ
عَنَّمِ لِي، فَأَبْطَأْتُ عَلَيْهِمَا لَيْلَةً فَجِئْتُ وَقَدْ رَقَدَا وَأَهْلِي وَعِيَالِي يَتَضَاعَوْنَ مِنَ
الْجُوعِ، فَكُنْتُ لَا أَسْقِيهِمْ حَتَّى يَشْرَبَ أَبَوَايَ، فَكَرِهْتُ أَنْ أَوْقِظَهُمَا، وَكَرِهْتُ أَنْ
أَدْعَهُمَا، فَيَسْتَكِنَا لِشَرِبَتَيْهِمَا، فَلَمْ أَزَلْ أَنْتَظِرُ حَتَّى طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، فَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَيُّ
فَعَلْتُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ خَشِيَّتِكَ، فَفَرِّجْ عَنَّا.

“O Allah, You know that I had old parents whom I used to provide with the milk of my sheep every night. One night I was delayed and when I came, they had slept, while my wife and

children were crying with hunger. I used not to let them (i.e. my family) drink unless my parents had drunk first. So I disliked to wake them up and also disliked that they should sleep without drinking it, I kept on waiting (for them to wake) till it dawned. O Allah! If You consider that I did that for fear of you, then please remove the rock.”

So the rock shifted and they could see the sky through it...
...Allah saved them and they came out (of the cave).”

[Sahih Al-Bukhari 3465]

4. Glad tidings of Paradise to the one who treats their mother well:

A'ishah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“I saw Paradise in my dreams, and heard in it the voice of a reciter reciting the Qur'an.’ I (A'ishah) asked: ‘Who was it?’ He said: ‘It was Harithah bin Nu'man.’

Then the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

كَذَاكَ الْبِرُّ، كَذَاكَ الْبِرُّ وَكَانَ أَبْرَ النَّاسِ بِأُمَّهِ.

“This is the reward for righteousness. This is the reward for righteousness. He (Harithah) was the best amongst the people in showing righteousness to his mother.”

[Musnad Ahmad 25182; Al-Arna'ut said: Its Sanad is Sahih]

5. Treating her well is an act praised by the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

Umar bin Al-Khattab (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) used to say to the people of Yemen:

“Is there amongst you Uwais b. Amir? (He continued finding him out) until he met Uwais. He said: Are you Uwais bin Amir? He said: Yes. He said: Are you from the tribe of Qaran? He said: Yes. He (Umar) said: Did you suffer from leprosy and then you were cured from it but for the space of a dirham? He said: Yes. He (Umar) said: Is your mother (alive)? He said: Yes. He (Umar) said: I heard Allah's Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say:

يَأْتِي عَلَيْكُمْ أُوَيْسُ بْنُ عَامِرٍ مَعَ أُمَّدَادِ أَهْلِ الْيَمَنِ مِنْ مُرَادٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ قَرْنٍ كَانَ بِهِ
 بَرَصٌ فَبَرَأَ مِنْهُ إِلَّا مَوْضِعَ دِرْهَمٍ لَهُ وَالِدَةٌ هُوَ بِهَا بَرٌّ لَوْ أَقْسَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِأَبْرَهُ فَإِنْ
 اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرَ لَكَ فَافْعَلْ.

“There would come to you Uwais b. Amir with the reinforcement from the people of Yemen. (He would be) from Qaran, (the branch) of Murid. He had been suffering from leprosy from which he was cured but for a spot of a dirham. His treatment with his mother would have been excellent. If he were to take an oath in the name of Allah, He would honor that. And if it is possible for you, then do ask him to invoke forgiveness for you (from your Rabb).”

So he (Uwais) invoked forgiveness for him. Umar said: Where do you intend to go? He said: To Kufa. He (Umar) said: Let me write a letter for you to its governor, whereupon he (Uwais) said: I love to live amongst the poor people. When it was the next year, a person from among the elite (of Kufa) performed Hajj and he met Umar. He asked him about Uwais. He said: I left him in a state with inadequate means of sustenance. (Thereupon) Umar said: I heard Allah's Messenger as saying:

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اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرَ لَكَ فَافْعَلْ.

“There would come to you Uwais b. 'Amir, of Qaran, a branch (of the tribe) of Murid, along with the reinforcement of the people of Yemen. He had been suffering from leprosy which would have been cured but for the space of a dirham. His treatment with his mother would have been very kind. If he would take an oath in the name of Allah (for something) He would honor it. Ask him to invoke forgiveness for you (from Allah) in case it is possible for you.”

So he came to Uwais and said. Invoke forgiveness (from Allah) for me. He (Uwais) said: You have just come from a sacred journey (Hajj); you, therefore, ask forgiveness for me. He (the person who had performed Hajj) said: Ask forgiveness for me (from Allah). He (Uwais again) said: You have just come from

the sacred journey, so you ask forgiveness for me. (Uwais further) said: Did you meet Umar? He said: Yes. He (Uwais) then invoked forgiveness for him (from Allah). So the people came to know about (the status of religious piety) of Uwais. He went away (from that place). Usair (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said: His clothing consisted of a mantle, and whosoever saw him said: From where did Uwais get this mantle?”

[Sahih Muslim 2542]

6. Paradise is beneath her feet:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said to Mu'awiyah Al-Salami (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ):

وَيْحَكَ الزَّمُ رِجْلَهَا فَتَمَّ الْجَنَّةُ.

“Woe to you! Go back and hold onto your mother’s feet (i.e. take care of her), for Paradise lies there.”

[Sunan Ibn Majah 2781; Al-Albani said: Sahih]

STORIES OF THOSE WHO TREATED THEIR MOTHERS WELL

1. Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) asking the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) to make Du'aa for his mother's guidance:

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said:

“I invited my mother, who was a polytheist, to Islam. I invited her one day and she said to me something about Allah's Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) which I hated. I came to Allah's Messenger weeping and said:

“Allah's Messenger, I invited my mother to Islam but she did not accept (my invitation). I invited her today but she said to me something which I did not like. (Kindly) supplicate to Allah that He may set the mother of Abu Hurairah (on the) right (path).”

Thereupon Allah's Messenger said:

“O Allah, set the mother of Abu Hurairah on the right path”.

I came out quite pleased with the supplication of Allah's Messenger and when I came near the door (of my house), it was closed from within. My mother heard the noise of my footsteps and she said:

“Abu Hurairah, just wait.”

And I heard the noise of falling of water. She took a bath and put on the shirt and quickly covered her head with a headdress and opened the door and then said:

“Abu Hurairah, I testify that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allah, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

Abu Hurairah said: I went back to Allah's Messenger and (this time) I was shedding tears of joy. I said:

“Allah's Messenger, be happy, for Allah has responded to your supplication and He has set on the right path the mother of Abu Hurairah.”

He (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) praised Allah, and extolled Him and uttered good words.

I said:

“Allah's Messenger, supplicate to Allah so that He may instill love of mine and that of my mother too in the believing servants and let our hearts be filled with their love.”

Upon this, Allah's Messenger said:

“O Allah, let there be love of these servants of yours (i.e. Abu Huraira and his mother), in the hearts of the believing servants and let their hearts be filled with the love of the believing servants.”

(Abu Huraira said: This prayer) was so well granted by Allah that no believer was ever born who heard of me and who saw me except that he loved me.”

[Sahih Muslim 2491]

2. Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) not performing Hajj for a long time due to taking care of his mother:

Sa'id bin Musayyib (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said:

وَبَلَّغْنَا أَنَّ أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ لَمْ يَكُنْ يَجُحُّ حَتَّى مَاتَتْ أُمُّهُ لِصُحْبَتِهَا.

“This news reached us that Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) did not perform Hajj until his mother died for (keeping himself constantly) in her service.

[Sahih Muslim 1665]

3. The governor of Madinah visiting his mother:

Abi Murrāh (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said:

“Marwan (the governor of al-Madinah) used to appoint Abu Hurayrah as his deputy - (when Marwan left Madinah for Hajj) and he used to live in Dhu'l Hulayfa. His mother was in one house and he in another. When he wanted to go out, he would stop at her door and say, ‘Peace be upon you, mother, and the mercy of Allah and His blessing.’ She would reply, ‘And peace be upon you, my son, and the mercy of Allah and His blessing.’ Then he said, ‘May Allah have mercy on you as you raised me

when I was a child.’ She answered, ‘May Allah have mercy on you as you were dutiful towards me when old.’ Whenever he wished to enter, he would do something similar.”

[Adab Al-Mufrad 12]

4. Usama bin Zayd (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) sacrificing his garden for his mother:

The Messenger of Allah’s (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) adopted son Zayd bin Harithah’s had a son called Usama bin Zayd, who was very obedient to his Mother, Umm Aiman. Whatever she told Usama to do, he’d do it.

Once, she expressed her desire to eat the hearts of palms to her son. The only way to extract a heart of palm would be to cut the palm trees from their roots. And Usamah had an amazing garden of dates, where there were around a thousand palm trees!

So, on hearing the wish of his mother, Usamah cut down the fruit-bearing trees and presented its heart of palm to his mother. When people saw that the fruit-bearing trees had been cut down, they were upset and confronted Usamah for his actions, so Usamah said to them:

إِنَّ أُمَّي سَأَلْتَنِيهِ، وَلَا تَسْأَلْنِي شَيْئًا أَقْدِرُ عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا أَعْطَيْتُهَا.

“My mother made a request to me, and if she ever asks me for anything while I have the ability to fulfill that request, I will fulfill it.”

[Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabeer of Al-Tabarani 370]

5. Zain ul-Abideen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) feared disobeying his mother:

Ali bin Hussain bin Ali, more well-known as Zain ul-Abideen, was born in 27 a.h.. He was the grandson of Ali (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) and from the descendants of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). At 17 years old, he married Fatima bint Hasan, the daughter of his uncle Hasan (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ). He had very good relationships with people, and used to show the utmost respect to his mother, to the point he became an example people used to describe good manners.

Once, he was asked that despite displaying his best manners to his mother, why didn't he sit with her to eat, to which he replied:

أكره أن تسبق يدي إلى ما سبقت إليه عينها، فأكون قد عققتها.

“I feared that I'd place my hands at a spot in a dish which my mother had already looked at and wished to eat from, so (I feared that doing so) would make me from those who disobey their mothers.”

[Uyoon Al-Akhbar 3/97]

Remember! Your Mother used to feed you like this when you were a child. Then, if something remained in the dish, she would eat it, otherwise she'd go to bed with an empty stomach. So the ability to make children feel safe and content while struggling herself, Allah did not grant this gift to anyone except

a mother.

6. Ibn Sireen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) never raised his voice when speaking to his mother:

Imam Muhammad bin Sireen used to take very good care of his mother, to the point that he would buy clothes which were soft and comfortable to wear for her, even if they weren't strong. His mother liked to wear dyed and colorful clothes, hence he got his mother's clothes dyed every Eid.

Regarding how he spoke to his mother, Ibn Awn said:

أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا كَانَ إِذَا كَانَ عِنْدَ أُمِّهِ لَوَرَأَهُ رَجُلٌ لَا يَعْرِفُهُ، ظَنَّ أَنَّ بِهِ مَرَضًا مِنْ خَفِضِ كَلَامِهِ عِنْدَهَا.

“When Muhammad (Ibn Sireen) was with his mother, it was as if people saw a man they didn't recognize; they used to assume that he was ill, due to how much he lowered his voice when speaking to his mother.”

[Siyar A'lam Al-Nubala 4/620]

DO NOT DISOBEY YOUR MOTHERS

1. Disobeying her is from the major sins:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

أَلَا أُنبئُكُمْ بِأَكْبَرِ الْكَبَائِرِ... الإِشْرَاكُ بِاللَّهِ، وَعُقُوقُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ.

“Shall I not inform you of the greatest of major sins?... ..To join partners in worship with Allah and being undutiful to one's parents.”

[Sahih Al-Bukhari 5976]

In this Hadith, the Messenger of Allah declared being undutiful to one's parent's as a major sin and mentioned it immediately after Shirk, which proves how serious and terrible this sin is. Remember that being undutiful is usually interpreted as being disobedient, but this isn't correct. Because alongside being disobedient, undutifulness towards parents also includes treating them badly and causing them distress.

2. Disobeying her deprives you of Allah's Mercy and Paradise:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يَنْظُرُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ: الْعَاقُ لِوَالِدَيْهِ، وَمُدْمِنُ الْخَمْرِ، وَالْمَنَانُ

عَطَاءُهُ، وَثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ: الْعَاقُ لِوَالِدَيْهِ، وَالذَّيُّوثُ، وَالرَّجُلَةُ

“On the Day of Judgment, Allah will not look at three types of people: The one who disobeys his parents, the one who consistently consumes intoxicants, and the one who reminds others of his favors. And three types of people will not enter Paradise: The one who disobeys his parents, the one who has no protective jealousy over his women, and the woman who imitates men.”

[Sahih Al-Targhib wa Al-Tarhib 2511]

3. The Prophet made Du'aa against the one who disobeys her:

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that once the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) climbed the Minbar and said ‘Amin!’ ‘Amin!’, and when he was asked why he did this, he said:

إِنَّ جِبْرِيلَ أَتَانِي، فَقَالَ: مَنْ أَدْرَكَ شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ وَلَمْ يُغْفَرْ لَهُ فَدَخَلَ النَّارَ فَأَبْعَدَهُ اللهُ، قُلْ: آمِينَ، فَقُلْتُ: آمِينَ، وَمَنْ أَدْرَكَ أَبَوَيْهِ، أَوْ أَحَدَهُمَا فَلَمْ يَبْرَهُمَا، فَمَاتَ فَدَخَلَ النَّارَ فَأَبْعَدَهُ اللهُ، قُلْ: آمِينَ، فَقُلْتُ: آمِينَ، وَمَنْ ذُكِرَتْ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيْكَ فَمَاتَ فَدَخَلَ النَّارَ فَأَبْعَدَهُ اللهُ، قُلْ: آمِينَ، فَقُلْتُ: آمِينَ.

“Jibril (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) came to me and said: “If Ramadan comes and a person is not forgiven, he will enter Hell and Allah will cast him far away. Say Amin.” So I said Amin. He said: “O Muhammad, if both or one of a person’s parents are alive and he does not

honor them and he dies, he will enter Hell and Allah will cast him far away. Say Amin.” So I said Amin. He said: “If you (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) are mentioned in a person’s presence and he does not send blessings upon you and he dies, he will enter Hell and Allah will cast him far away. Say Amin.” So I said Amin.”

[Sahih Ibn Hibban 907, Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah 888; Shu’ayb Al-Arna’ut said: Its Sanad is Hasan]

4. No good deed will be accepted from the one who disobeys her:

Amr Al-Juhany (رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that a man came to the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and said to him:

“I testify that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allah, and that you are the Messenger of Allah. I pray the five daily prayers. I pay the Zakah due on my wealth. I fast in the month of Ramadan.”

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) raised his two fingers and said:

مَنْ مَاتَ عَلَى هَذَا، كَانَ مَعَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، هَكَذَا -
وَنَصَبَ إِصْبَعَيْهِ - مَا لَمْ يُعَقِّ وَالِدَيْهِ.

“Whoever dies upon this will be with the Prophets, the truthful and the martyrs on the Day of Judgment, on condition that he did not disobey and disrespect his parents.”

[Musnad Ahmad 39/521; Al-Arna’ut said: Sahih]

5. The one who disobeys her is cursed:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلَ قَوْمِ لُوطٍ، مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلَ قَوْمِ لُوطٍ، مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلَ قَوْمِ لُوطٍ، مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ ذَبَحَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ، مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ أَتَى شَيْئًا مِّنَ الْبَهَائِمِ، مَلْعُونٌ مَّنْ عَقَّ وَالِدَيْهِ.

“Cursed is he who does the action of the people of Lut. Cursed is he who does the action of the people of Lut. Cursed is he who does the action of the people of Lut. Cursed is he who slaughters an animal for other than Allah. Cursed is he who performs inappropriate acts with an animal. Cursed is he who disobeys and disrespects his parents.”

[Sahih Al-Targhib wa Al-Tarhib 2516]

ADMONITIONS FROM THE STORIES OF THOSE WHO DISOBEYED THEIR MOTHERS

1. When the mother of Jurayj made Du'aa against her son:

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said:

“Jurayj was one who was devoted to (prayer) in the temple. His mother came to him.”

The narrator Humaid said that Abu Rafi demonstrated before us like the demonstration made by Abu Hurairah to whom Allah's Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) had demonstrated as his mother called him placing her palms upon the eyebrows and lifting her head for calling him and said:

“Jurayj, it is your mother, so talk to her. She found him at that time absorbed in prayer, so he said (to himself): O Rabb, my mother (is calling me) (whereas I am absorbed) in my prayer. He opted for prayer. She (his mother) went back, then came again for the second time and said: O Jurayj, it is your mother (calling you), so talk to me. He said: O Allah. there is my mother also and my prayer, and he opted for prayer.

She said:

“O Allah, Jurayj is my son. I pray to talk to him but he refuses

to talk to me. O Allah, don't bring death to him unless he has seen the prostitutes.”

And had she invoked the curse upon him (from the heart of her heart) he would have been involved in some turmoil.

There was a shepherd living nearby his temple (the temple where Jurayj was engaged in prayer). It so happened that a woman of that village came there and that shepherd committed fornication with her and she became pregnant and gave birth to a child.

It was said to her: Whose child is this? She said: He is the child of one who is living in this temple.

So there came persons with hatchets and spades. They called Jurayj. He was absorbed in prayer and he did not talk to them and they were about to demolish that temple that he saw them and then came to them and they said: Ask her (this woman) what she says.

He smiled and then touched the head of the child and said: Who is your father? He (the child) said: My father is the shepherd of the sheep, and when they heard this, they said: We are prepared to rebuild with gold and silver what we have demolished from your temple. He said: No, rebuild it with clay as it had been before. He then went up (to his room and absorbed himself in prayer).”

[Sahih Muslim 2550]

2. He turned into a Donkey:

Awwam bin Hawshab (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said:

“Once I went to a locality which had a graveyard. After Asr, a grave opened up and a man emerged from it. His head resembled the head of a donkey, whereas the rest of his body resembled the body of a human. Then, he brayed like a donkey and went back into his grave. Then the grave closed itself over his body. I saw an old woman who was doing some embroidery, and a woman informed me that she is the mother of that man in the grave. I asked the woman about what happened, and she said: ‘Her son used to consume intoxicants, and his mother used to say to him: ‘My dear son, fear Allah! Till how long will you consume intoxicants?’ So her son said to her: ‘You do nothing but keep on braying like a donkey (when speaking to me).’ He passed away after Asr, and from the day he passed till today, he comes out of his grave daily, brays like a donkey three times, and then goes back into his grave.”

[Sahih Al-Tarhib wa Al-Tarhib 2420]



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“Mother” is another name for the one who is gentle, shows sincerity, is purely loving and makes sacrifices for her children. “Mother” is that beautiful being on earth, whose mere mention brings the thoughts of love, care, coolness and gentleness to our minds. For us, her shadow is like a shadow which is accompanied with serenity. When the sun is at its peak, her affection becomes like the canopy of a tree, shading her children from harm. Her warm lap makes her children forget how cold the weather is. She’ll walk on bridges of thorns, but will always make her children lie down and sleep in a bed of the softest of flowers. She’ll gather all the worries of this world inside her chest, but will always put a smile on her face so her children aren’t disheartened. Allah did not create a being more loving on earth than a Mother. A storm can come and a hurricane can cause havoc in her way, but her love for her children will never decrease.

She never reminds her children of the favors she has provided for them. She never asks anything in return for the love she showed you when you were young. She sacrifices everything to keep on showering her love to her children. The truth is that a Mother’s love is like a limitless ocean. The amount of love she has for her children can never be measured. To measure the length of this ocean based only on her sincerity and sacrifices cannot be done. Every religion and sect consider Mothers to be beings’ worthy of respect and honor.

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