

Monthly الفجر The Dawn

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The Prophet of Mercy (Peace and Blessings of Allah SWT be upon him) (Part -2 of 2)



And say,

"My Lord, have mercy
upon them as they
brought me up
[when I was] small."
[17:24]

Mercy and Equality among the Children

The Prophet (SAW) proclaimed, "Act equally between children," Sometimes it happens that a parent may not knowingly show favour to a son over another son or daughter. This has been strongly discouraged by the Prophet (SAW). In a tradition captured by Abu Da'ud, the importance of equality between children is relayed:

I heard An-Nu'man bin Bashir on the pulpit saying, "My father gave me a gift but 'Amra bint Rawaha (my mother) said that she would not agree to it unless he made Allah's Apostle as a witness to it. So, my father went to Allah's Apostle and said, 'I have given a gift to my son from 'Amra bint Rawaha, but she ordered me to make you as a witness to it, O Allah's Apostle!' Allah's Apostle asked, 'Have you given (the like of it) to everyone of your sons?' He replied in the negative. Allah's Apostle said, 'Be afraid of Allah, and be just to your children.' My father then returned and took back his gift."

Being merciful to children also means to protect them from any foreseen harm or hurt. The Prophet (SAW) specifically mentioned the night as being an opportunity to do good, or to do bad or to be in state of neutrality. The former is achieved by praising the All-Merciful throughout or part of the night. By going to bed as night falls is seen as being in the state of neutrality as one is not doing anything beneficial to others,

but also not causing any discomfort either. If however, an individual decides to enjoy the night by either intoxicating himself or by acting in a manner that acts as a disturbance to others then this is seen as bad and an unwanted state. Realising this important social behaviour, the Prophet (SAW) instructed that:

"When night falls (or it is evening), keep your children close to you for the devils spread out at that time. But when an hour of the night elapses, you can let them free. Close the doors and mention the Name of Allah (God), for Shaytaan (Satan) does not open a closed door." (Bukhari 4:523)

Bowing, prostrating and praising the Almighty is deemed by all an act that is of the highest order as it brings our bodies and our souls nearer to our Creator. However, even this is shortened by the Prophet (SAW) on hearing the sound of a child in despair during congregational prayers. His comment here was simply that he did not want the mother of the child to suffer on hearing the anguish cries of the young one. Once again demonstrating the attribute of kindness and thoughtfulness – a man of God, but also a man of people.

The Prophet (SAW) took every opportunity to implant the love and affection for the young and innocent members of the community. Tirmidhi, for example, in his writings depicts that the Prophet (SAW) said the following:

"Who so strokes the head of an orphan, not stroking it but for God, shall have the merits for each of the hairs over which his hand passes; and whoso does good to an orphan-girl or to an orphan-boy who is with him, I (the Prophet (SAW)) and he shall be in Paradise like these two-putting together his two fingers."

Ahadith on Mercy to Women

What a beautiful analogy of the person who cares and shelters children, especially the less fortunate like orphans, will be together with the Prophet (SAW) not just on the Day of Judgment but also in Paradise. This implies that being merciful to children is a means of attaining the mercy of God Almighty and which in turn is a path towards gaining eternal salvation.

A person came to Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) and said: "Who among the people is most deserving of a fine treatment from my hand?" He said: "Your mother."

He again said: "Then who (is the next one)?" He said: "Again it is your mother (who deserves the best treatment from you)." He said: "Then who (is the next one)?" He (the Holy Prophet (SAW)) said: "Again, it is your mother." He (again) said: "Then who?" Thereupon he said: "Then it is your father." (Muslim 32:6180)

"Paradise is at the feet of the mother." (Sunan Ibn Majah 2771)

"O people, your wives have a certain right over you and you have certain rights over them. Treat them well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers." (Tirmidhi)

Aisha (wife of the Prophet (SAW)) reported: A poor woman came to me along with her daughters. I gave her three dates. She gave a date to each of them and then she took up one date and brought that to her mouth in order to eat that, but her daughters expressed desire to eat it. She then divided the date that she intended to eat between them. This (kind) treatment of her impressed me and I mentioned that which she did to Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him). Thereupon he said: "Verily Allah has assured Paradise for her, because of (this act) of her, or He has rescued her from Hell-Fire." (Sahih Muslim 032:6363)

"He, who brought up two girls properly till they grew up, he and I would come (together) (very closely) on the Day of Resurrection, and he interlaced his fingers (for explaining the point of nearness between him and that person)." (Sahih Muslim 32:6364)

Discrimination between men and women was erased from the history books by the arrival of the Prophet (SAW). There are countless examples of this fact, but the following verse from the final testament of God, the Holy Quran, beautifully summarises some aspects of this:

"Verily men who submit [to Allah] and women who submit, and men who believe and women who believe, and men who are obedient and women who are obedient, and men who speak the truth and women who speak the truth, and men who are patient and women who are patient and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their modesty and women who guard (their modesty), and men who remember Allah much and women who remember, Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a vast reward." (Holy Quran 33:35)

Mercy to the Worlds

The Prophet (SAW) took every opportunity to spread and distribute the light of mercy amongst his followers. Bukhari, in his scripts, recalls the story of a thirsty man and a dog that was relayed by the Prophet (SAW) to his companions:

There was a man who went on a journey and on his way felt very thirsty. He found a well and went down into it and drank water. When he came out of the well he saw a dog that was also very thirsty and was holding his tongue out and licking the ground. Thinking that the animal was thirsty like him, he again went down into the well, filled his leather socks with water and gave it to the dog. For this act of his, God was

grateful to him, and pardoned him (his sins). The companions said "O Prophet (SAW) of God! Have we any reward (for our acts) in regard to animals?" The Prophet (SAW) said, "There is reward (for every good act done) in regard to every heart fresh of life."

He, the Prophet (SAW), instilled some gems of mercy in the hearts of his companions by giving them nuggets of wisdom. Take, for example, the following short guideline which tends to summarise his message:

"If you want to be loved by your Creator, love His creatures" (Tirmidhi)

The Prophet (SAW) emphasised the need to care for one another. To respect and support the weakest in society. He showed the way forward with equality of genders – giving the key to eternal salvation to the mother. The Prophet (SAW) highlighted the importance of showing value and honour to people of other faith. He demonstrated that animals and species are all creatures of the Creator and should be treated with dignity. His message of mercy and love has reached millions of people across the globe. His contribution is recognised even by his foes. The Prophet (SAW) is indeed a world leader in transmitting this much needed message of togetherness in praising the All-Merciful. His light of mercy has crossed not just countries and cultures, but time as well. The light has strengthened over time as more and more people understand that humanity can only live in peace when we begin to love God Almighty and care for His creatures.

The message and scope of the Prophet (SAW) is eloquently manifested by our Creator in the final testament of God, the Holy Quran, by these words:

"And We have not sent you but as a mercy to the worlds." (21:107)



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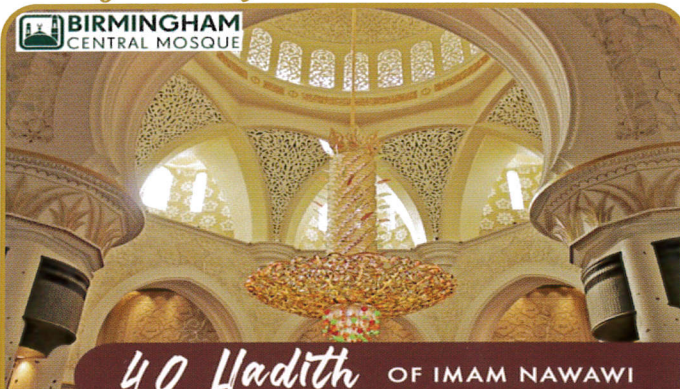
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“Indeed prayers are enjoined on believers at a stated time.” - Al-Quran 4:103

January 2020 - Jamadi ul Awwal / Jamadi ul Thani 1441 AH



| Jan-20 Jamadi ul Awwal | | | فجر Fajr | | طلوع شمس | | ظهر Dhuhr | | العصر Asr | | مغرب Maghrib | | العشاء Isha | |
|------------------------|-----|-----------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Date | Day | Lunar Dates | Start | Jamāt | Sunrise | Zawál | Start | Jamāt | Start | Jamāt | Sunset | Adhān | Start | Jamāt |
| 1 | Wed | 5 | 6.46 | 7.15 | 8.18 | 12.11 | 12.16 | 1.15 | 2.17 | 2.45 | 4.03 | 4.06 | 5.43 | 7.00 |
| 2 | Thu | 6 | 6.45 | " | 8.18 | " | " | " | 2.18 | " | 4.04 | 4.07 | 5.44 | " |
| 3 | Fri | 7 | 6.45 | " | 8.18 | 12.12 | 12.17 | " | 2.19 | " | 4.06 | 4.09 | 5.46 | " |
| 4 | Sat | 8 | 6.45 | " | 8.18 | " | " | " | 2.21 | " | 4.07 | 4.10 | 5.47 | " |
| 5 | Sun | 9 | 6.45 | " | 8.17 | " | " | " | 2.22 | " | 4.08 | 4.11 | 5.48 | " |
| 6 | Mon | 10 | 6.45 | 7.15 | 8.17 | 12.13 | 12.18 | 1.15 | 2.23 | 3.00 | 4.09 | 4.12 | 5.49 | 7.15 |
| 7 | Tue | 11 | 6.45 | " | 8.16 | " | " | " | 2.24 | " | 4.11 | 4.14 | 5.51 | " |
| 8 | Wed | 12 | 6.45 | " | 8.16 | 12.14 | 12.19 | " | 2.25 | " | 4.12 | 4.15 | 5.52 | " |
| 9 | Thu | 13 | 6.45 | " | 8.15 | " | " | " | 2.27 | " | 4.13 | 4.16 | 5.53 | " |
| 10 | Fri | 14 | 6.44 | " | 8.15 | 12.15 | 12.20 | " | 2.28 | " | 4.15 | 4.18 | 5.55 | " |
| 11 | Sat | 15 | 6.44 | " | 8.14 | " | " | " | 2.29 | " | 4.16 | 4.19 | 5.56 | " |
| 12 | Sun | 16 | 6.44 | " | 8.14 | " | " | " | 2.31 | " | 4.18 | 4.21 | 5.58 | " |
| 13 | Mon | 17 | 6.43 | 7.15 | 8.13 | 12.16 | 12.21 | 1.15 | 2.32 | 3.15 | 4.19 | 4.22 | 5.59 | 7.15 |
| 14 | Tue | 18 | 6.43 | " | 8.12 | " | " | " | 2.34 | " | 4.21 | 4.24 | 6.01 | " |
| 15 | Wed | 19 | 6.42 | " | 8.11 | 12.17 | 12.22 | " | 2.35 | " | 4.22 | 4.25 | 6.02 | " |
| 16 | Thu | 20 | 6.42 | " | 8.10 | " | " | " | 2.37 | " | 4.24 | 4.27 | 6.04 | " |
| 17 | Fri | 21 | 6.41 | " | 8.09 | " | " | " | 2.38 | " | 4.26 | 4.29 | 6.06 | " |
| 18 | Sat | 22 | 6.41 | " | 8.08 | 12.18 | 12.23 | " | 2.40 | " | 4.27 | 4.30 | 6.07 | " |
| 19 | Sun | 23 | 6.41 | " | 8.07 | " | " | " | 2.42 | " | 4.29 | 4.32 | 6.09 | " |
| 20 | Mon | 24 | 6.39 | 7.00 | 8.06 | 12.18 | 12.23 | 1.15 | 2.43 | 3.15 | 4.31 | 4.34 | 6.11 | 7.15 |
| 21 | Tue | 25 | 6.38 | " | 8.05 | " | " | " | 2.45 | " | 4.32 | 4.35 | 6.12 | " |
| 22 | Wed | 26 | 6.37 | " | 8.04 | 12.19 | 12.24 | " | 2.47 | " | 4.34 | 4.37 | 6.14 | " |
| 23 | Thu | 27 | 6.36 | " | 8.03 | " | " | " | 2.48 | " | 4.36 | 4.39 | 6.16 | " |
| 24 | Fri | 28 | 6.35 | " | 8.01 | " | " | " | 2.50 | " | 4.38 | 4.41 | 6.18 | " |
| 25 | Sat | 29 | 6.34 | " | 8.00 | 12.20 | 12.25 | " | 2.52 | " | 4.40 | 4.43 | 6.20 | " |
| 26 | Sun | Jamadi ul Thani | 6.32 | " | 7.59 | " | " | " | 2.53 | " | 4.41 | 4.44 | 6.21 | " |
| 27 | Mon | 2 | 6.31 | 7.00 | 7.57 | 12.20 | 12.25 | 1.15 | 2.55 | 3.30 | 4.43 | 4.47 | 6.23 | 7.15 |
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Friday Prayers: Urdu Speech at 12.30pm | English Speech at 12.45 pm | Main Arabic Khutba at 1.15pm

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| LONDON | - 06 | - 07 | - 04 | - 04 | - 14 |
| LUTON | - 06 | - 05 | - 04 | - 03 | + 07 |
| NEWCASTLE | - 02 | - 01 | - 07 | - 04 | - 14 |
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