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A Mother's Love is Priceless

'Allāmah Shihābuddīn Aḥmad Qalyūbī narrates the story of a pious man who observed a person carrying a woman on his shoulders, while performing Ṭawāf of the Ka'bah. The pious man asked him who the woman was.

He replied, "This is my mother. I have been carrying her like this on my shoulders for the past seven years. Have I fulfilled her rights?"

The pious man answered, "Never! Never! If you carried her on your shoulders for a thousand years, it would not be equal to one night in which she held you in her arms and gave you milk to drink."

When the man heard the answer he was reduced to tears.²



A mother's love and favours are priceless.

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Blessings of a Pious Mother

Khawājah Mu'īnuddīn Chishtī Ajmerī رحمته الله once travelled to Bangladesh. During his journey, seven hundred thousand Hindus accepted Islām at his hands and seven million Muslims made towbah to Allāh and pledged allegiance to him. When he returned home, the signs of joy were clearly visible upon his face.

He kissed his mother and she immediately asked, "My son, why are you so happy?"

He replied, "Mother, Allāh has granted me the good fortune of bringing hundreds of thousands of people into the fold of Islām."

His mother exclaimed, "Son, this is not due to any inherent goodness within you. The credit is due to me."

He asked, "Yes, but please explain what you mean."

She continued, "When you were an infant, I always breast-fed you in the state of wudhū. By the barakah of this, Allāh has granted you the ability to win over the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people to Islām."²

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A Mother's Golden Advice

When Imām Mālik ibn Anas رحمته الله was still a young boy, he said to his righteous mother, "I desire to go out and acquire knowledge."

His mother dressed him as a student of knowledge, placed a turban upon his head and gave him some advice before he left, "Now go to Rabāh, but learn his good character and conduct before you begin to learn the knowledge he dispenses."¹



A person who acquires book knowledge, but does not refine his character can never attain the status of the true scholars.

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Foresight of a Righteous Mother

Bāyazīd Bustāmī رحمته الله was a great saint. Junaid Baghdādī رحمته الله while describing his character, said, "Bayazīd's status amongst the pious servants of Allāh is like the status of Jibra'īl amongst the angels."

Bāyazīd became an orphan at a tender age. His mother enrolled him at a Madrasah and instructed his teacher, "Do not allow him to come home too often. I fear that his heart would be distracted from the Madrasah if he is allowed to visit home often."

Accordingly, the teacher kept him at Madrasah for an extended period. One day, the young boy said to his teacher, "I desire to go home for a while."

His teacher gave him the permission to go home, on condition that he memorised additional lessons while at home.

Bāyazīd arrived home and knocked at the door. His mother was performing wudhū at the time, but recognised the knock to be that of her son. She thought to herself, "If I open the door and allow my son to enter, he will develop the habit of coming home regularly. He will then prefer home and abandon his studies."

She stepped towards the door and asked, "Who is there?"

The reply came, "Bāyazīd."

She explained, "I too have a son by the name of Bāyazīd, but I have handed him over for the service of Allāh's Dīn. Which Bāyazīd are you?"

The young boy was intelligent enough to understand that his mother's desire was that he acquire knowledge. He returned to the Madrasah and continued learning until he completed his studies.¹



(٦) رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي رَبَّنَا
وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ
يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

O Lord, make me and my children of those who maintain their prayers (Namaaz) and accept my prayer. Our Lord, forgive me, my parents and all believers on the Day of Reckoning.

BENEFIT: This is the du'aa of Hadhrat Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam). It is from among those du'aas that may be recited in the last sitting posture of salaah.

(١) رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ
عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ

O Lord, grant me that I may be grateful to Thee for the favours which Thou bestowed on me and my parents and that I may act in a manner which may earn Thine pleasure and also reform my children; truly do I repent before Thee and I am truly a Muslim.

BENEFIT: This verse was revealed regarding Hadhrat Abu Bakr (Radhiallahu Anhu). He made this du'aa (as mentioned in the Qur'aan) and it was accepted to the extent that his parents, children and brother, all became Muslims. Hadhrat Abu Maa'shar (rahmatullah alayh) once complained to Hadhrat Talha bin Masraf (rahmatullah alayh) about the disobedience of his son. He (Hadhrat Talha) said, "Seek assistance through this verse, i.e. make this du'aa." Hence, one should make this very same du'aa for the guidance of one's family and children. (Durre-Manthur).

(۳) رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

O Lord, grant unto me from Thyself noble offspring; verily Thou art the Hearer of prayers.

BENEFIT: This is the du'aa of Hadhrat Zakariyya (Alayhis Salaam). Hadhrat Zakariyya (Alayhis Salaam) had become old. On the basis of superficial means and resources, there was no hope of him getting children. When he saw out-of-season fruit coming to Hadhrat Mariam (Alayhas Salaam), he made this du'aa.

(۱۳) رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

O Lord, grant us such wives and children as may be a source of coolness (delight) to our eyes and make us leaders of God-fearing persons.

BENEFIT: This is a du'aa for the attainment of piety for one's family and a high-ranking state of piety for oneself.

My Action Points

1. Make Dua Daily
2. Read an Islamic Story to my children daily
3. Establish a 10min a week zikr programme at home