

Allah's order as pioneers to start a civilization.

Here was the wife of a Prophet Ibrahim ؑ, the princess of the king of Egypt, left with her child in the desert. All for the sake of pleasing our Creator. As Prophet Ibrahim ؑ headed for his next responsibility from Allah ﷻ, he reached an area where Hazrat Hajira ؑ and Ismail ؑ could not see him. At that point, he turned back, raising his hands in Du'a and said;

﴿ رَبَّنَا إِنِّي أَسْكَنْتُ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي بِوَادٍ غَيْرِ ذِي زُرْعٍ عِنْدَ بَيْتِكَ الْمُحَرَّمِ رَبَّنَا لِيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ فَاجْعَلْ أَفْئِدَةً مِنَ النَّاسِ تَهْوِي إِلَيْهِمْ وَارْزُقْهُمْ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ ﴾

"O Our Lord! I have made of my offspring to dwell in a valley without cultivation by Your Sacred House; in order Our Lord, that they may establish regular Prayer: so fill the hearts of some among men with love towards them, and feed them with fruits, so that they may give thanks." (Qur'an, 14: 37)

Hazrat Hajira ؑ returned to her place and started drinking water from the water-skin. But when she had used up all of the water, she ascended the Safaa hill and looked, hoping to see somebody. The area was empty.

She came down and then ran up to Marwah hill. She ran to and fro (between the two hills) many times, then went to check on her baby Ismail ؑ. He was dying. And she could find no water for him or herself. She could not watch her son perish. How could any mother?

'If I go and look, I may find somebody,' she told herself. Then she went and ascended the Safaa hill and looked for a long while but could not find anybody.

In all, Hazrat Hajira ؑ ran seven rounds between Safaa and Marwah, in the hot, waterless valley, where her thirsty baby lay. She told herself to go back and check on Ismail ؑ. But suddenly she heard a voice: it was the Angel Jibraa'eel ؑ. 'Help us if you can offer any help," she said to him.

The Angel hit the earth with his heel and water gushed out. Hazrat Hajira ؑ was astonished and started digging. Allah ﷻ, as she had rightly proclaimed, had not abandoned them.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the Hadith in Bukhari in which much of this incident is narrated, said, "If she (Hazrat Hajira ؑ) had left the water, (flow naturally without her intervention), it would have been flowing on the surface of the earth."

Today we are bearing the fruits of this mother's struggle and sacrifice. Many of us drink and have drunk from the well of Zam-Zam. And those of us who have made Hajj run in a much more comfortable way than Hazrat Hajira ؑ ever did, between Safaa and Marwah.

Her commitment to her son, her sense of urgency and her unshakable faith in Allah ﷻ in such harsh circumstances are all examples of not only what an excellent mother she was, but also what a strong believer in Allah ﷻ.

If you're going to Hajj this year, Insha Allah, remember this incident and think of that great mother, in whose memory Muslims today run between Safaa and Marwah. Also think about your own mother, and how she too, would probably have done the same for you.

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We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah ﷻ increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions. And we also Pray that Allah ﷻ blesses us with many opportunities to increase our knowledge in everything that is beneficial to us.

O Allah ﷻ! Guard our actions. O Allah ﷻ! Forgive us our sins against You and ease the hearts of those we have harmed so that they too will forgive us. "Aameen"

## The Qur'an and Hadith on

# Parents

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said; Your Heaven lies under the feet of your mother. (Ahmad, Nasai')

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﴿ وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْنِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٣﴾ ﴾

"You shall lower to them your wings of humility and pray: "O Lord! Bestow on them Your Blessings just as they cherished me when I was a little child." (Qur'an, 17: 24)

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates a man came to Rasulallah ﷺ and said; "O Rasulallah ﷺ! Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me? "The Prophet ﷺ said, "Your mother." The man said. "Who is next? "The Prophet ﷺ said, "Your mother." The man further said, "Who is next? "The Prophet ﷺ said, "Your mother." The man asked for the fourth time, "Who is next? "The Prophet ﷺ said, "Your father." (Bukhari)

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﴿وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ط  
حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا ط وَحَمَلُهُ  
وَفِصْلُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ط﴾

"We have enjoined man to treat his parents with kindness. With much trouble his mother bore him, and much pain did she give him birth." (Qur'an, 46: 15)

﴿وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ  
وَهُنَّ عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِي  
وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ ط إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ﴿١٧﴾﴾

"We have enjoined man concerning his parents - his mother carries him in her womb while suffering weakness upon weakness and then weans him for two years - That's why We commanded him: "Give thanks to Me and to your parents, and keep in mind that, to Me is your final goal." (Qur'an, 31: 14)

﴿وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا يَاءُ وَبِأَلْوَا  
لِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ط إِمَّا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ  
أَحَدٌ هَبْ آوِ كِلَهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْ  
هُمَا وَ قُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾﴾

"Your Lord has decreed to you that: You shall worship none but Him, and you shall be kind to your parents; if one or both of them live to their old age in your lifetime, you shall not say to them any word of contempt (Uff) nor repel them and you shall address them in kind words." (Qur'an, 17: 23)

﴿وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا ط وَإِنْ  
جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا  
تُطِعْهُمَا ط﴾

"We have enjoined man to show kindness to his parents; but if they (your parents) force you to commit shirk with Me, of which you have no knowledge, do not obey them." (Qur'an, 29: 8)

Hazrat Anas bin Malik ؓ the report Prophet ﷺ said, "The biggest of Al-Kaba'ir (the great sins) are;

- (1) To join others as partners in worship with Allah ﷻ.
- (2) To murder a human being.
- (3) To be undutiful to one's parents.
- (4) And to make a false statement," or said, "to give a false witness." (Bukhari)

### Ask yourself 10 Questions about your mom

Sometimes, to be able to really evaluate what kind of relationship we have with our mothers, we need to ask ourselves the right questions. Here are some that can help:

- 1- Do you think your mom is happy with you?
- 2- Have you ever said "Uff" to your mom?
- 3- What is it that your mom really wants to have?
- 4- How much do you know about your mom's mother?
- 5- What might be five things your mom really doesn't want you to do?
- 6- What are three things that make your mom happy or sad?
- 7- How many minutes do you engage in "quality talk" with your mom in a week?
- 8- When was the last time you cooked for your mom?
- 9- When was the last time you visited your mom?
- 10- When was the last time you gave your mom a gift?

Hazrat Ayisha ؓ narrated that the Rasulallah ﷺ said; Exchange gifts with one another, for they remove ill feelings from the hearts. (Tirmidhi)

### If parents is not alive

If your mom is not alive, visit her relatives and friends and ask what you can do for them. Consider these two Hadith (sayings of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ).

The Rasulallah ﷺ said; "When a person dies, his actions come to an end, except for three things: a continuing Sadqah (charity), knowledge from which benefit is still being derived, and a righteous child who prays for her or him." (Translated meaning from Muslim)

Hazrat Abu Usayd Malik ibn Rabi'ah as-Sa'idi ؓ said; "While we were with the Rasulallah ﷺ! A man of Banu Salmah came to Him and said; Apostle of Allah ﷻ is there any kindness left that I can do to my parents after their death? He ﷺ replied; Yes, you can invoke blessings on them, forgiveness for them, carry out their final instructions after their death, join ties of relationship, which are dependent on them, and honour their friends." (Abu-Dawud)

### Pick up her feet and spread the word

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: Your Heaven lies under the feet of your mother. (Ahmad, Nasa'i) Ask your mom to lift her feet, so you can locate where Jannah is. Then tell others about your discovery by sharing what Islam has to say about moms and their importance in our lives.

### Running to remember a Mother and her trust in Allah ﷻ

Muslims who perform the Hajj or 'Umrah must run in the middle portion of the distance between Safaa and Marwah seven times. Safaa and Marwah are two hills close to the Qiblah. This is a commemoration of one mother's sacrifice for her son.

That mother was Hazrat Hajira ؓ. Her son was the Prophet Ismail ؓ. Prophet Ibrahim ؓ was Hazrat Hajira's ؓ husband, and Ismail's ؓ father. Hazrat Hajira's ؓ example of sacrifice took place when she and her baby was left in the valley of Makkah by