

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْأَحَدِ، الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَصَّى بِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا، وَأَمَرَ بِرَّهُمَا شُكْرًا وَتَقْدِيرًا وَعِرْفَانًا، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، مَنبَعُ الرَّحْمَةِ، وَهَادِي الْبَشَرِيَّةِ إِلَى سَعَادَةِ الدَّارَيْنِ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

**All praise is due to Allah, the One and Only God; He neither begets nor is born. We extol Him as He enjoins on us to treat our parents with utmost care, and be grateful to them. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Allah alone without any partners or peers.**

**I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, the wellspring of mercy and our guide to prosperity in both worlds. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his Companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.**

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

**“Is the reward for good, [anything] but good?” (55:60)**

- Our parents' favour upon us are innumerable.
- Through them we were brought to life and under their wing of compassion we grew up until we reached maturity and became independent.
- They are a Divine blessing and a pathway to Heaven.
- Respecting them is their right and our duty.

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

**“And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment.” (17:23)**

- Appreciating parents is an obligation and is clearly associated to obedience to Allah.

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

**“Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good.” (4:36)**

- Amongst all people, parents rank before others, deserving love and the best company. But one thing should be stressed here is that while both parents enjoy similar importance in Islam, the mother comes first.

مَنْ أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِحُسْنِ صَحَابَتِي؟ قَالَ أُمَّكَ قَالَ ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ أُمَّكَ قَالَ ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ أَبُوكَ

**“Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me?” The Prophet said, “Your mother. “The man said, “Who is next?” The Prophet said, “Your mother.” The man said, “Who is next? “The Prophet said, “Your mother.” The man said, “Who is next?” The Prophet said, “Your father.” [Sahih Muslim]**

- Truly, our fathers also deserve much gratitude as they protected us when we were small and weak, guided us as we grew up, and spent time and money to raise us properly.

“Honoring one's father may lead one to enter through the best of the gates of Paradise; so take care of your parents, [Ibn Majah]

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَيْهِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ جَبَّارًا عَصِيًّا

Yahya عليه السلام was: “dutiful to his parents, and he was not a disobedient tyrant.” (19:14)

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا

Isa عليه السلام was: “and [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant.” (19:32)

أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ

“Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination.” (31:14).

فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

“Say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour.” (17:23)

رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ، ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ، ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ قِيلَ مَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ مَنْ أَدْرَكَ  
وَالِدَيْهِ عِنْدَ الْكِبَرِ أَحَدَهُمَا أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا ثُمَّ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ

“Let him be humbled, let him be humbled, let him be humbled.” it was said, “Allah's Messenger, who is he?” He said, “he who finds his parents in old age, either one or both of them, and does not enter Paradise (Sahih Muslim)

نَعْمَ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيْهِمَا، وَالِاسْتِغْفَارُ لَهُمَا، وَإِنْفَاذُ عَهْدِهِمَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمَا، وَصِلَةُ الرَّحِمِ  
الَّتِي لَا تُوصَلُ إِلَّا بِهِمَا، وَإِكْرَامُ صَدِيقِهِمَا

“O Messenger of Allah, is there any kindness left that I can do to my parents after their death? He 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 Dawood]

لَا يَزِيدُ فِي الْعُمُرِ إِلَّا الْبِرُّ

“Nothing extends one's life span but righteousness.” [Tirmidhi]

بَرُّوا آبَاءَكُمْ تَبَرَّكُمْ أَبْنَاؤُكُمْ

“Be kind to your parents and thus your children will be kind to you.”  
[Tabrani]