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**Friday Sermon**

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**The Prophet's Love Towards His Family**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا  
وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَخَدَّهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
وَصَفِيُّ اللَّهِ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ إِمَامُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَسَيِّدُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ اللَّهُمَّ  
صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ  
مُسْلِمُونَ

**Blessed Friday Jemaah,**

Let us all strive to guard our iman and increase our takwa in Allah s.w.t. Let us fulfil all of Allah's commands to the best of our abilities and abstain from all of His prohibitions. May Allah s.w.t. bless our hearts with the sweetness of iman. Amin.

## Blessed Jemaah,

We are all born to a mother and a father. Allah s.w.t. has made them the cause of our existence on this earth. Without them, we would never be where we are now. Our parents are the most prominent people in our lives; they have endured countless sacrifices for our sake. Right from the moment they began preparing for our birth, they have been working tirelessly, overcoming hardships and challenges for the sole purpose of providing us with a healthy and conducive environment to grow and live in.

It is for these reasons that Allah s.w.t. has accorded a high status to both our parents. This has been mentioned in the Quran, in Surah Al-Israa' verses 23 and 24:

❖ وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ  
عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٌ وَلَا  
نَهْرَهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾

وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا  
رَبَّيْنِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾

Which means: *“And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], “uff,” and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, “My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small”.*

The aforementioned verses emphasised the importance of doing good to our parents, which comes in second after safeguarding our faith. I would like to call upon all those present here to ask ourselves this important question: Have we prioritised our parents as how Allah s.w.t. has commanded us? When we were young, our parents did not neglect our welfare. As we mature and our parents grow older, have we taken the responsibility to provide them with care? Have we made it a point to supplicate for their happiness and well-being after our every solat?

### **Respected Jemaah,**

Aside from our parents, whose status have been mentioned earlier, there are several others who deserve the same level of care and attention. They are our children and spouses that Allah s.w.t. has gifted us. Rasulullah s.a.w. mentioned in a hadith which means: *“The best among you is the one who is best to his family, and I am the best to my family.”* [Hadith reported by Imam Ibnu Majah]

**Jemaah,**

Rasulullah s.a.w. is a prime example of a model husband and father. He carried out his responsibilities as a father and husband with a deep sense of love, care and compassion.

His wife, Sayyidatuna Aisyah r.a., spoke of how he would often stand to receive his beloved daughter, Fatimah r.a. whenever she came to visit him. In fact, Rasulullah s.a.w. had mentioned in a hadith:

فَاطِمَةُ بَضْعَةٌ مِنِّي فَمَنْ أَغْضَبَهَا أَغْضَبَنِي

Which means: *“Fatimah is a part of me. And whoever hurts her, hurts me.”* [Hadith reported by Imam Al-Bukhari & Imam Muslim]

Such was the love of a father towards his child. A father who provided undivided love and attention for his daughter, provided her with the best education such that she was given the title of the “Leader of the Women of Paradise”.

**Respected Jemaah,**

In conjunction with the school holidays, allow me to share several suggestions that can help us maximise our time with our children throughout the holiday period.

**First,** let us optimize our time during this holiday period to strengthen ties with our children and other family members. After busying ourselves with work for most of the year, let us now make time for our families. Let us bring joy and laughter to their hearts by spending time on holiday or simply by relaxing and enjoying activities together as a family.

**Secondly,** as we spend time with our families, let us also not forget our religious duties. It is now an opportune moment for us to encourage our children to perform acts of worship together at the comfort of our homes or within the spaces of our mosques. Alhamdulillah, we are blessed to have 70 mosques island wide. Our mosques and private Islamic education centres are currently offering educational programmes throughout this holiday period which are fun and creative. These programmes are created to hone the intellectual, emotional and physical developments of our children. Let us seek such programmes and register our children with one that best accommodates their interests and schedules.

**Thirdly,** for those of us who are planning on a vacation with our family, whether it is local or overseas, let us utilize this journey to share interesting information with our children. This will in turn boost their knowledge and appreciation of nature and the history of the places they visit. Children are like empty moulds, shaped by the guiding hands. As parents, it is our utmost responsibility to shape them, groom them, and guide

them towards beneficial knowledge that will nurture them to become useful and contributive members of society and Muslims who remain resilient towards any challenges that come their way.

May Allah s.w.t. bless us with His barakah throughout the time spent during this holiday period, and deepen the love we have for our family, and make us among those who are successful in this world, and the hereafter. Amin ya Rabbal Alamin.

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا  
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.