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# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet Muhammad*

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ  
عَلَيْهِ  
وَسَلَّمَ



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# *Introduction to Lecture*

- Important aspect of nurturing *eemaan* (faith) in children is nurturing love and respect for our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
- We will discuss the importance of loving the Prophet ﷺ and following his Sunnah
- Will present various methods and means for teaching these principles to children

# *Introduction*

- Prophets reformed mankind and guided them to path to achieve happiness
- Through their teachings –reform hearts, purify souls, guide minds
- Final Prophet and Messenger is Muhammad ﷺ



# *Introduction*

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّنْ  
رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ

# *Introduction*

*Allah says, "Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he] is the Messenger of Allah and seal [i.e., last] of the Prophets."*

*Al-Ahzab (33):40*

# Love for the Prophet

- Requirement of faith – to have special love and affection for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
  - Obligatory in Islam
  - Faith not proper without it



# *Love for the Prophet*

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,  
*“None of you are true believers until  
I am more beloved to him than his  
father, his children and all of  
mankind.”*

**Bukhari and Muslim**



# *Love for the Prophet*

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

*"Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: (a) The one to whom Allah and His Messenger become dearer than anything else; (b) Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's Sake; (c) Who hates to revert to disbelief after Allah has brought (saved) him out from it, as he hates to be thrown into a fire. "*

Bukhari and Muslim



# Love for the Prophet

- After love of Allah –
  - Parents and children should love the Prophet ﷺ more than their own selves and everyone and everything in this world



# Love for the Prophet

Narrated by Abdullah bin Hisham: "We were with the Prophet ﷺ and he was holding the hand of 'Umar bin Al-Khattab. 'Umar said to Him, "O Allah's Messenger! You are dearer to me than everything except my own self." *The Prophet said, "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self."* Then 'Umar said to him, "However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." *The Prophet said, "Now, O 'Umar (now you are a believer)."* Bukhari

# *Love for the Prophet*

Narrated by Anas: A man asked the Prophet ﷺ about the Hour (i.e. Day of Judgment) saying, "When will the Hour be?" The Prophet ﷺ said, "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "Nothing, except that I love Allah and His Messenger." The Prophet said, "You will be with those whom you love."

Bukhari

*Nurturing Love for  
the Prophet*

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- **Be a good role model**
  - Gain knowledge
  - Understand importance of issue and what it entails
  - Have strong love for Prophet ﷺ
  - Follow his Sunnah in all aspects of life
  - Learn through teaching children



# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Teach children that Prophet ﷺ is mercy to mankind
  - Brought message of Allah and Islam
  - Provided most excellent example
  - Ideal role model for children

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- The wrath of Allah and the Fire of Hell are the things that we fear the most, and we cannot be saved from them except at the hands of the Messenger ﷺ
- The pleasure of Allah and the garden of Paradise are the things that we want the most, but we cannot attain them except at the hands of the Messenger ﷺ

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Quote by Ibn Taymiyyah

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Learning his *Seerah*
  - Can only love someone by learning more about him
    - Who he was
    - His character traits
    - His mannerisms and actions

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

Shaykh Al-Albaani wrote, “There is no doubt, that when a Muslim becomes more knowledgeable about the biography of the Messenger of Allah and knows more of his beautiful qualities and his excellence, then his love for the Messenger ﷺ would be more, and thus his following of him would be more extensive and more comprehensive.”



# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Learning his *Seerah*
  - Family times or home study circle
  - Knowledge will increase fondness, attachment to, and belief in him
  - Increase desire to follow his example

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Stories of Companions
  - Read how the Prophet ﷺ loved his Companions
  - Read how Companions loved and respected the Prophet ﷺ
  - Realize importance of this and desire to emulate them

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Following his Example
  - Apply his way in words, deeds, obedience to commands, avoidance of whatever he prohibited



# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ  
فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ  
لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ  
رَحِيمٌ

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

*Allah says, “Say, [O Muhammad], ‘If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.’”*

*Ali Imran (3):31*



# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Allah's love cannot be attained except by following his Prophet ﷺ
- Deeds not accepted if not in conformity with his Sunnah
- Should be concerned with following his Sunnah

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*



# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

The Prophet ﷺ when he said: “All of my ummah will enter Paradise except those who refuse.” They said: “O Messenger of Allah, who would refuse?” He said: “Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise and whoever disobeys me has refused.”

Bukhari

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Children should be taught the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ in all areas of life
  - Through learning Hadeeth
    - Memorize and learn meaning
  - Benefits of following Sunnah
  - Supplications
  - Sending blessings upon Prophet ﷺ

# *Nurturing Love for the Prophet*

- Children should be reminded that they are following Prophet's ﷺ example when engage in these behaviors and supplications
  - Example



# *Learning to Meet the Prophet*

- Teach children to yearn to meet the Prophet in the Hereafter
  - One of rewards awaiting them
  - Something should strive for (in addition to seeing Allah)

# *Learning to Meet the Prophet*

Narrated 'Aishah, “A man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said, “O Allah’s Messenger! Verily, you are more beloved to me than myself, and verily you are more beloved to me than my family and more beloved to me than my children. And verily, when I am at home and I remember you then I cannot be patient until I come to you and I look at you. And when I contemplate about my death and your death, I know that when you enter Paradise, you will be raised with the Prophets and that if I enter Paradise, I fear that I will not see you.”

# *Learning to Meet the Prophet*

The Prophet did not respond to him until Jibreel brought down this Ayah,

*“And whosoever obeys Allah and the Messenger, then they will be in the company of those on whom Allah has bestowed His Grace, of the Prophets, As-Siddiqeen, the martyrs, and the righteous. And how excellent these companions are!”* (4:69)

*Earning to Meet the Prophet*

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنَ  
النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّدِّيقِينَ وَالشَّهَدَاءِ  
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَٰئِكَ  
رَفِيقًا



# *Earning to Meet the Prophet*

Narrated Anas Ibn Maalik, “A man asked the Prophet ﷺ about the Hour saying, “When will the Hour be?” He said, “What have you prepared for it?” He said, “Nothing, except that I love Allaah and His Messenger.” He then said, “You will be with those whom you love.”

Bukhari and Muslim



# *Earning to Meet the Prophet*

Anas said, “We had never been as glad as we were on hearing that saying of the Prophet ﷺ ‘You will be with those whom you love.’ Hence, I love the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr and ‘Umar, and I hope that I will be with them because of my love for them though my deeds are not similar to theirs.”

# *Resources*

- *Teach Your Children to Love the Prophet Muhammad* by Dr. Muhammad Abdu Yamani (Dar Al-Taqwa)
- *Child Companions around the Prophet* by Darussalam Research Division
- *Al-Raheeq Al-Makhtum (The Sealed Nectar)* by Saifur Rahman al-Mubarakpuri

# *Questions?*

