

Luqman's Advice to His Son



Intensive Educational Workshop

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Advice to parents on how to raise and teach their children, as well as advice to our youth how they should treat their parents. Topics Discussed: How to educate our children,

قال الله تعالى: (وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَانُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ - وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَيَّ وَهْنٍ وَفَصَّالَهُ فِي سَامِيْنٍ أَنْ شَكَرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ - وَإِنْ جَاهَلَكَ عَلَيَّ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا وَصَاحِبْهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا وَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ - يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ مِمَّا لَاحِقَ فِي صَخْرَةٍ أَوْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ أَوْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَأْتِيهَا اللَّهُ فَيُنزِّلُ اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ خَيْرٌ - يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاصْبِرْ عَلَيَّ مَا أَصَابَكَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ - وَلَا تَصْهَرْ خَدَّكَ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ - وَقَصِّدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ وَاغْضُضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ إِنَّ أَنْكَرَ الْأَصْوَاتِ لَأَصْوَاتُ الْمَرِيْرِ)

"And (remember) when Luqman said to his son when he was advising him: "O my son! Do not worship others along with Allah. Verily, joining others in worship with Allah is a great Zulm (wrong/oppression) indeed. And We have enjoined on man (to be dutiful and good) to his parents. His mother bore him in weakness and hardship upon weakness and hardship, and his weaning is in two years- give thanks to Me and to your parents. To Me is the final destination. But if they (both) strive with you to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not; but behave with them in the world kindly, and follow the path of him who turns to Me in repentance and in obedience. Then to Me will be your return, and I shall tell you what you used to do. "O my son! If it be (anything) equal to the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, Allah will bring it forth. Verily, Allah is Subtle (in bringing out that grain), Well-Acquainted (with its place). "O my son! Aqim-As-Salat (perform/establish the prayer), enjoin (on people) Al-Ma'ruf-(Islamic Monotheism and all that is good), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar(i.e.disbelief in the Oneness of Allah, polytheism of all kinds and all that is evil and bad), and bear with patience whatever befalls you. Verily, these are some of the important commandments (order by Allah with no exemption). "And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allah likes not any arrogant coaster. "And be moderate (or show no insolence) in your walking, and lower your voice. Verily, the happiest of all voices is the braying of the donkeys" (Luqman 31: 13-19)

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1. *Was Luqman a prophet or a wise man? What is the proof?*

2. *How did Luqman address his son when he wanted to advise him? How can we benefit from the way he called his son when he wanted to advise him?*

3. *What advice did Luqman start with? Why? Talk about it's importance*

4. *Do our children have rights over us? What are some of them?*

5. *What are some qualities we need to instill in our Muslim youth, especially here in the USA?*

6. *What was Luqman's second advice about? Why? What's the wisdom behind it?*

7. *What are the rights that parents have over their children? What are the duties that children must fulfill towards them?*

8. *What are some ways that children can honor and be dutiful to their parents?*

9. *What is the condition in regards to being obedient to our parents and those in authority? Mention some proofs from the Quran and Sunnah.*

10. *How can we be more conscious of our actions and statements?*

11. *Why did Luqman advise his son to establish he prayer after he told him to be conscious about his deeds and that Allah will hold him accountable for everything on the day of Resurrection?*

12. Is it important to enjoin the good and forbid the evil? Why? What will happen if we don't do it? Give some examples.

13. How should we enjoin the good and forbid the evil? What are the principles and guidelines?

14. Why is it important to have patience when enjoining the good and forbidding the evil? What's the relationship between the two? Mention the types of patience.

15. What are arrogance and pride? What is the worst type of arrogance?
