

Apostle and said, 'I have given a gift to my son from `Anna bint Rawaha, but she ordered me to make you as a witness to it, O Allah's Apostle!' Allah's Apostle asked, 'Have you given (the like of it) to everyone of your sons?' He replied in the negative. Allah's Apostle said, 'Be afraid of Allah, and be just to your children.' My father then returned and took back his gift."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Kind Treatment to One's Children

Prophetic Hadiths:

"The Compassionate One has mercy on those who are merciful. If you show mercy to those who are on the earth, He Who is in the heaven will show mercy to you."

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

`Anas (may Allah have mercy on him) related, "I have never seen anyone surpassing the Prophet (pbuh) in treating children kindly."

[Reported by Muslim]

"Of the commandments he (pbuh) used to give to the military leaders: "Conquer in the name of Allah. Do not kill an infant"

[Reported by Muslim]

`Usama Ibn Zayd Ibn Haritha (may Allah be pleased with him) related that the Prophet (pbuh) would hold me and let me sit on one of his knees and al-Hassan on the other. Then he hugged us and said,

"O Allah may You have mercy on them both

because I have mercy on them".

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) related,

"Once I flogged a boy. Thereupon, I heard a voice from my back. When I turned back I heard the Prophet (pbuh) saying, "O Abu Mas'ud! Know that Allah is more able to punish you than are you with this boy".

[Reported by Muslim]

"Once the Prophet (pbuh) kissed al-Hassan Ibn Ali before al-Aqra Ibn Habis at-Tamimi. Al-Aqra' wondered, "I have ten children but I have never kissed anyone of them". Then the Prophet (pbuh) looked at him and said, "Whoever does not have mercy on people, Allah does not have mercy on him".

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

The Reward Granted to the Parents Who Have a Dead Child

Prophetic Hadiths:

Abu Sa' id al-Khudri related,

"The women asked the Prophet, "Please fix a day for us." So the Prophet preached to them and said, "A woman whose three children died would be screened from the Hell Fire by them," Hearing that, a woman asked, "If two died?" The Prophet replied, "Even two (would screen her from the (Hell) Fire." And Abu Huraira added, "Those children should be below the age of puberty."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari and Al-Nasa'i]