

childhood.⁶⁷}
[Al-Isra': 23-24]

{And remember We took a covenant from the children of Israel (to this effect): Worship none but Allah; Treat with kindness your parents and kindred, and orphans and those in need; speak fair to the people; be steadfast in prayer; and give Zakat, then did turn back, except a few among you, and ye backslider (even now).}
[Al-Baqarah: 83]

{And We have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents: In travail upon travail did his mother bear him. And in years twain was his weaning: (hear the command), "Show gratitude to Me and to thy parents: To Me is thy final goal."
[Luqman: 14]

{We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents: In pain did his mother bear him and in pain did she give him birth. The carrying of the (child) to his weaning is a period of thirty months.
[Al-Ahqaf: 15]

Prophetic Hadiths:

"Shall I not tell you of the worst major sins?
Worshipping others with Allah and showing disrespect to parents"
[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

⁶⁷ Parents give so much to rear their children. They do not wait to be recompensed by their children. They, naturally, do this out of love and affection. Therefore, we should be grateful to them. The fortunate is the one who pleases his parents. Let us now read a message written by a girl to her mother after she gave birth to her first child.

"Mother! I love you. I love you. I love you. I have never sensed that kind of love before. Everything that surrounds me fills my heart by love. I love you all the time. But I have just realized what love is. While a child, I was perplexed when seeing you worried about me and my brothers and sisters. You gave so much that you preferred us to yourself.

When I heard the first cry of my baby, I knew how much you suffered and how much you loved me".

"Someone came to the Prophet (pbuh) and asked, "Who deserves my service most (after Allah)? The Prophet (pbuh) replied, "Your mother." "Who is next?" the man asked again. "Your mother," the Prophet (pbuh) replied. "Who is next?" the man asked once more. "Your mother," the Prophet (pbuh) replied. "Who is next?" the man further asked. "Your father," the Prophet (pbuh) replied.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Allah's Apostle (pbuh) said:

"Let him be humbled into dust; let him be humbled into dust. **It** was said: Allah's Messenger, who is he? He said: He who sees either of his parents during their old age or he sees both of them, but he does not enter Paradise."

[Reported by Muslim]

A man came and said to the Prophet (pbuh),

"O Messenger of Allah, my father asks for my property." Then the Prophet (pbuh) said, "Both you and what you possess are your father's."

[Reported by Ahmad]

"Allah has forbidden showing disrespect to one's mother"

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]