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ḤĀJJAH AMĪNAH'S EXAMPLE OF MOTHERHOOD

As-Salāmu ʻAlaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.
Aʻūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.
Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ʻalá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Akhirīn.
Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā, Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fāʼiz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jamʻiyyah.

A Companion once asked our Prophet ﷺ for some advice—essentially asking, "To whom should I show the greatest respect? Whom should I look after?" Our Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, "Look after your mother." When the question was repeated, he ﷺ again said, "Look after your mother." After it was asked a few more times, he finally said, "Look after your father." Thus, showing respect to one's mother is among the primary commandments in Islām. Allāh ʻAzza wa-Jalla bestowed the role of motherhood upon women; a human being is carried in a mother's womb, nurtured by her, and raised by her. Furthermore, receiving a good upbringing is of vital importance. So obeying one's mother is a means toward such an upbringing. A mother is, in effect, the first school; people learn their very first lessons from their mothers. For this reason, scholars, mashāyikh and our Prophet ﷺ himself have emphasized the importance of a mother's role and the need for her to be well-nurtured and respected.

Today, shukr to Allāh ﷻ, marks the day our Ḥājjah Anne, Ḥājjah Amīnah, has departed from this world, having spent her life in service. May Allāh ﷻ be pleased with her. She was a mother to us all. She dedicated her life to serving our Sheikh. And what stands out as one of her most significant qualities - She was a woman who served as an exemplary model in everything and for everyone—both men and women. Her attributes were those of Awliyā'. Because she was the wife of our Sultān ul-Awliyā', all the murīds, the brothers and the believers were considered her own children. A remarkable trait of hers was that she never showed favoritism among children; she never distinguished between them by saying, "I will do more for this one" or "I will favor that one." Such a quality is very rarely found in people. In some cases, it might not be immediately apparent, but it eventually becomes clear. And sometimes, it is glaringly obvious. One might say that a parent treats one child with excessive favor while treating another as if they were a stray dog. We witnessed this quite often in the surrounding where we grew up. There was hardly anyone—unlike Ḥājjah Anne—who showed equal love and affection to all their children. When this happens, the upbringing of the children becomes the worst; it is not merely a "lacking" upbringing, but a truly poor one. Those children, in turn, raise their own children the same way, and so it continues—the entire society ends

up raising a wretched generation. One could even call it a selfish, ill-mannered (without adab), and immoral generation.

Therefore, it is essential—and of great importance to society and to people in general—to learn how to raise and treat the next generation. To raise fine, upstanding human beings, one thing is necessary: justice. Even Qur'ān 'Aẓīmu sh-Sha'n advises that if one marries more than one, he should not differentiate between them. Justice is required. But if you can't, still don't show it much. Much of the current lack of peace among people today stems from the fact that mothers are not providing a proper upbringing. A person will raise their own children in the same way they were raised by their own mother—and the cycle continues.

For this reason, learning how to raise righteous children is of the utmost importance. It is a truly vital endeavor, and it ultimately brings benefit to the one who does the raising as well. What he accomplished aligns with what our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam says: when a person departs from this world, three things remain and are written in their book of deeds until qiyāmah—imparting beneficial knowledge (such as through writing a book or teaching others), establishing a ṣadaqah jāriyah (an ongoing charity, like a madrasa, school, mosque, or dergah) and raising a righteous child. Regarding the latter, one must understand what it truly means to raise a righteous child. It is not done in the way many approach it today. It is not right. If you fail to teach a child proper Adab, they will end up manipulating you—playing with you as they like—which is not Adab. A child requires a certain degree of discipline. If this is not done, the child—having faced no hardship when young—will encounter great hardships upon reaching adulthood. When those difficulties arise, they may break down, unable to cope or recover.

Thus, the upbringing of a child is of vital importance. Thd role of mothers is immense, and their maqāms are immense. May Allāh ﷻ elevate their maqāms, in shā'a Llāh. They have left before us, but in shā'a Llāh, we shall all reunite in Paradise. May we attain a maqām similar to theirs, and may we be by their side. Since we love them - and as our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam said, a person will be with those whom they love. In shā'a Llāh, may we be together forever with them in Paradise, in shā'a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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