

# **ALI 212: Parent-Child Relationship in Sahifa Sajjadiyyah**

**Session Three - First half of Dua no. 25**

## **Questions for Reflection**

- 1) What parts of the Dua would you pick as:
  - a) most surprising?
  - b) most difficult to achieve?
  - c) most confusing?
  - d) most unselfish?

# Agenda

- Hadith on Children
- Praying for Children
- Enjoying children
- Virtuous children
- Helping children to be good

# Hadith on Children

Every tree has a fruit, and the fruit of the heart is a child.

**Holy Prophet (s)**

Surely Allah has mercy on [His] slave due to his intense love for his child.

**Imam as-Sadiq (a)**

May Allah have mercy on the one who helps his child towards righteousness by being good to him, appealing to him, teaching him knowledge, and training him.

**Imam Ali (a)**

# Praying for Children

## Prayers from the Holy Quran

### 1) **Dua of Nabi Zakariya**

There did Zakariya pray to his Lord, saying: "O my Lord! Grant me from You, a progeny that is pure: Surely You hear prayer! **(3:38)**

### 2) **Dua of the Servants of the Beneficent**

And those who pray, "Our Lord! Grant to us from our wives and progenies the comfort of our eyes, and make us the leaders of the pious. **(25:74)**

### 3) **Dua of believers**

. . .and make my progeny righteous; surely I turn to You, and I am of those who submit

**(46:15)**

# Enjoying Children

## 1) Loving children

Kiss your children often, for every display of affection will raise your status in Heaven.

**Holy Prophet (s)**

## 2) Talking to children

Talking to children shows respect and affection. The Holy Prophet says; Respect your children and improve their Akhlaq.

## 3) Playing with children

Whoever has a child should be childlike with him.

**Holy Prophet (s)**

## 4) Seeking their help

It is from the good fortune of man to have children through whom he seeks help.

**Imam Sajjad (a)**

# Virtuous Children

A virtuous child is a flower from the flowers of Heaven.

**Holy Prophet (s)**

I have not asked my Lord for children with beautiful faces, nor for children with good figures, but I have asked my Lord for children who are obedient to Allah, who fear Him, so that when I look at him (one of them) and he is obedient to Allah, my eye is delighted.

**Imam Ali (a)**

The inheritance of Allah, the exalted, from His believing servant, is a child who will worship Him after him (his death).

**Imam as-Sadiq (a)**

# Helping children to be good

The Holy Prophet (s) said; May Allah have mercy on the person who helps his child to be good.

He was asked 'How?'

He replied; By:

- accepting what the child has the ability to do
- not demanding what is too difficult for the child to do
- not leading him to sins
- not lying to him nor acting inappropriately in front of him

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