

Teachings of the Prophet (s) on Family Relationships

Session One

Verses for today's session – 62:2 and 33:121

The Prophet – a Teacher of mankind

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ
وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ
لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

He it is Who raised among the inhabitants of Mecca a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His communications and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom, although they were before certainly in clear error.

Sura al-Jumuah, 62:2

Teaching by Example

His most important method of teaching was through his own example.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Certainly you have in the Messenger of Allah an excellent exemplar for him who hopes in Allah and the latter day and remembers Allah much.

Sura Ahzab, no.33, verse 21

Hadith about his Adaab

أَدَّبَنِي رَبِّي فَأَحْسَنَ تَأْدِيبِي

My Lord taught me Etiquette and made it good

Bihar al-Anwar, v.68, p.382

The Prophet (s)

- Best Example
- Perfect manifestation of the qualities of God
- Sent to perfect the Akhlaq of humans
- Quran al-Natiq

Testimony from his wife

اما تقرء القرآن؟ قلت: بلى، قالت: خلق رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم القرآن

When asked by a companion about the Akhlaq of the Prophet(s), his wife replied;

Do you not read the Qur'an?

The Akhlaq of the Messenger of Allah (s) was the Quran.

Mahajjatul Baydha, Faydh Kashani

Methods used by the Prophet

1) Responding with good Akhlaq

ما كان احد احسن خلقا منه صلى الله عليه وآله ما دعاه احد من اصحابه و لا اهل بيته الا قال: لبيك

There was no-one better in Akhlaq than him (s).
Whenever anyone from his companions or family members would call him he would say *Labbaik*.

Kohl al-Basar, p.94

2) Eating together

كَانَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَأْكُلُ كُلَّ الْأَصْنَافِ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ وَكَانَ يَأْكُلُ مِمَّا أَحَلَّ
اللَّهُ لَهُ مَعَ أَهْلِهِ وَخَدَمِهِ إِذَا أَكَلُوا

The Messenger of Allah would eat all types of food and ate what was halal with his family and his servants

Makarimul Akhlaq, v.1, p.53

3) Cheerfulness

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص) إِذَا حَدَّثَ بِحَدِيثٍ تَبَسَّمَ فِي حَدِيثِهِ

When the Messenger of Allah talked he would be smiling

Makarimul Akhlaq, v.1, p.21

يَضْحَكُ مِمَّا يَضْحَكُونَ وَ يَتَعَجَّبُ مِمَّا يَتَعَجَّبُونَ مِنْهُ

He would laugh at what they laughed at, and would be surprised at what surprised them

4) Overlooking

لَا يَجْزِي بِالسَّيِّئَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ، وَ لَكِنْ يَغْفِرُ وَ يَصْفَحُ

He would not return evil for evil, rather he would forgive and pardon

Al-Manqib, v.1, p.145

يَقْبَلُ مَعْدِرَةَ الْمُعْتَذِرِ إِلَيْهِ

He would accept the apology of one who apologizes to him

Bihar al-Anwar, v.16, p.226

The Prophet (s) followed the verse where Allah says;

فَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ

And be patient at what they say . . .

Sura Taha, no.20, verse 130

Sura Qalam, no.50, verse 39

5) Display of Affection

مَنْ قَبَّلَ وُلْدَهُ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ حَسَنَةً

Whoever kisses his child, a good deed is written for him.

Al-Kafi, v.6, p.49

6) Did his work himself

وَكَانَ يَخْصِفُ النَّعْلَ وَيُرْقِعُ الثَّوْبَ وَيَفْتَحُ الْبَابَ وَيَحْلِبُ الشَّاةَ وَيَعْقِلُ الْبَعْرَ فِيحْلِبُهَا وَيَطْحَنُ مَعَ الْخَادِمِ إِذَا أَعْيَا وَيَضَعُ طَهْرَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ
بِيَدِهِ

And he would mend his shoes, and patch his clothes, and open the door, and milk the ewe, and tie the camel and milk it, grind the wheat with the servant if he was tired, and prepare [water] for his purification at night with his own hands.

Al-Manaqib, v.1, p.145