



Striving for One's Family: Virtue in Islam

Description

Bismillahi Wal Hamdullillah Was Salaatu Was Salaamu 'Alaa Rasoolillahi

Ammaa Ba'd:

We mentioned in a previous post that Allah has placed reward in certain actions related to ones family, and likewise in the correct utilisation of ones wealth. The following hadeeth is an example of that.

Upon the authority of Ka'b ibn 'Ujrah - Radhiyallahu Anhu - Who said:

"A man passed by the Prophet - Sallallahu alaihi Was Salam and the Companions of the Messenger of Allah - Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Salam saw his hardiness, striving and his briskness, so they said: Oh Messenger of Allah! If only this was 'fee sabeelillah' (In the way of Allah)! So the Messenger of Allah - Sallallahu 'Alaihi Was Salam said: "If he has left out striving for his young son, then he is 'fee sabeelillah', and if he left out striving for his elderly parents, then he is fee sabeelillah, and if left out striving for the virtue and chastity of his own soul, then he is 'fee sabeellillah'. But if he set out to be seen of the people, and to contend with others in mutual boasting then he is fee sabeelish Shaytaan! (In the path of Shaytaan!)"

(Collected by Imaamut Tabaraani in 'Mu'jam Al Kabeer (282) and declared 'Saheeh' by

Shaikh Al Albaani in 'Saheehul Jaami' (1428))

This then indicates the virtue of striving for certain family members, but there is great virtue in striving for ones family generally, as made clear by the following hadeeth:

Upon the authority of Al Hasan – Radhiyallahu ‘Anhu who said that the Messenger of Allah – Sallallahu ‘Alaihi Was Salam Said:

“The most beloved of the worshippers to Allah, is he who is most beneficial to his family”

(Collected by Imaam Ahmad in 'Az Zuhd' and declared 'Hasan' by Shaikh Naasir in 'Saheehul Jaami' (172))

And indeed there are many ways one may benefit his or her family Wa Lillahil Hamd

Wallahu a'lam

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