

Rights of other believers حقوق العباد

There is another important matter in Deen, which is caring for fellow believers. Our religion teaches us how to make our social lives stronger by having good relationships with each other. To keep good relationships with each other, Islam taught us some basic rights of every single Muslim on another Muslim. Those rights are called حقوق (huquq) in Arabi. There are six basic rights of every Muslims on other Muslims mentioned in a hadith of our beloved messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - { حَقُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ سِتٌّ: إِذَا لَقِيَتهُ فَسَلَّمَ عَلَيْهِ، وَإِذَا دَعَاكَ فَاجَبْتَهُ، وَإِذَا اسْتَنْصَحَكَ فَانصَحْتَهُ، وَإِذَا عَطَسَ فَحَمَدَ اللَّهَ فَسَمَّيْتَهُ، وَإِذَا مَرَضَ فَعُدُّهُ، وَإِذَا مَاتَ فَاتَّبَعْتَهُ } رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ.

Abu Hurairah (RAA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

“A Muslim has six duties towards other Muslims: When you meet him, you should salute him (say salaam to him); when he invites you, accept his invitation; when he asks for your advice, give it to him; when he sneezes and praises Allah (e.g Alhamdulillah) say May Allah have mercy on you;(Yarhamukallahu). When he is ill, visit him; and when he dies follow his funeral (Janazah)” (Related by Muslim)

We must take care of each other in every possible thing. Allah swt says in Surah Al-Hujurat, ayah number 10 “Indeed believers are brothers (in Islam). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy”.

We must keep ourselves controlled all the time from harming other believers. If we find someone is not going to be normal with us in some matters, then we can leave the person alone and make dua for that person.

We will never use bad words or hurtful words for other Muslim brothers. If we see anything wrong with a person we can correct the person in a nice way. As correcting our brothers is something encouraged by our beloved Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم. Imam Bukhari R brought a hadith from Abu Hurairah radhiyallahu anhu in his Adabul Mufrad, which mentions correcting each other.

حَدَّثَنَا إِبرَاهِيمُ بْنُ حَمْرَةَ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ أَبِي حَازِمٍ، عَنْ كَثِيرِ بْنِ زَيْدٍ، عَنِ الْوَلِيدِ بْنِ رَبَاحٍ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: الْمُؤْمِنُ مِرْأَةُ أَخِيهِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنُ أَخُو الْمُؤْمِنِ، يَكْفُفُ عَلَيْهِ ضَبْعَتَهُ، وَيَحُوطُهُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ.

Abu Hurayra radhiyallahu anhu reported that the Prophet, (ﷺ), said, "A believer is the mirror of his brother. A believer is the brother of another believer. He protects him against loss and defends him behind his back". (Adabul Mufrad by Imam Al Bukhari)

In this hadith, the word mirror is used to explain fault finder. So if you have anything wrong in your talking, attitude, explanation, some other Muslim would correct it with the intention of benefiting you through the correction. Correcting someone's mistake is also a right of the believer (the one who made the mistake). If we do not correct someone's mistake knowing surely he is doing something wrong, then we will be questioned by Allah swt on the day of judgment.

When we know something in Deen from a mustanad person then we should share it to the one who doesn't know. Because knowledge is a beauty when it's shared with others.

And to share it we will follow the guidance of our beloved messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ سَلَامٍ، قَالَ: أَخْبَرَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ فُضَيْلٍ بْنُ غَزْوَانَ، عَنْ لَيْثٍ، عَنْ طَاوُسٍ، عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "عَلِّمُوا وَيَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا، وَإِذَا غَضِبَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَسْكُتْ."

Ibn 'Abbas radhiyallahu anhuma reported that the Messenger of Allah, (صلى الله عليه وسلم), said, "Teach and make things easy and not difficult. When one of you is angry, he should be silent".

So it's crucial to apply a nice and wise method to teach or share knowledge.