

# Father

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# Paradise

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Thought-provoking speech of weekly  
sunnah-inspiring ijtima

(For Islamic Sisters)

**Muballighah must read the Bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech**

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Father is the middle door of Paradise

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكَ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ      الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ      الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

*Please note that this speech was originally written for Islamic brothers, we have done necessary changes for Islamic sisters. It may be possible that some words could have been remained unchanged! If so, Muballighah should change the wordings accordingly at the time of delivering this speech. (Majlis-e-Tarajim)*

## Excellence of reciting Duood

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ طَهَارَةٌ وَغُسْلٌ، وَطَهَارَةُ قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنَ الصَّدَأِ، الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيَّ

i.e. Purity and Ghysl are for everything and the cleanliness of the hearts of believers is to recite Duood upon me. (Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 281)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَيِّبِ      صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدَ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let's first of all make good intentions for attaining the Divine pleasure and earning rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a Muslim is better than his deed.* (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

## An important point

For righteous and permissible work the more we make good intentions, the more we attain reward.

**Note:** *The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation*

## Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for other Islamic sisters by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear *تُؤَيُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, etc., I will reply in low voice with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After Ijtima, I will take the lead to say Salam and shake hands and make individual effort.
7. During the speech, I will avoid the unnecessary use of mobile phone.
8. Neither will I record the speech, nor any kind of voice as it is not permitted.
9. Whatever I listen I will act upon it and later on convey it to others. In this way, I will be privileged to propagate the call towards righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Serving father is a very great privilege and an excellent source of pleasing Allah Almighty. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing parable in relation to the kinds of gifts and blessings Allah Almighty blesses a person in return for looking after father:

### Gift for looking after father

On page 14 of '*Allah walon ki Baatayn*' volume 4, a book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, it is stated: A person had four sons. When he fell ill one of them said: Either you three look after the father and do not take anything from his inheritance or let me look after him, I will not take anything from his inheritance. All three said: You look after him and do not take anything from his inheritance. So he kept on looking after his sick father until his death and did not take anything from the inheritance. One night he saw a dream in which he heard someone saying: Go to such-and-such a place and get 100 dinars [i.e. gold coins] from there. The man asked: Does it have blessing? The answer was 'No'. The next morning he related the dream to his wife. The wife said: You take the dinars. The blessing of these dinars is that we will get our clothes stitched with them and spend them on our life. The man refused to do so. The next night again he heard someone saying: Go to such-and-such a place and get 10 dinars. He asked: Does it have blessing? The reply was negative. In the morning, he related this dream to his wife, the wife said like she did before, but he again refused to take them. The third night he again saw a dream in which he heard: 'Go to such-and-such a place and get one dinar from there.' He asked: 'Does it have blessing?' 'Yes', came the reply. The man went, took the dinar and went to the market. He found a man who was holding two fishes. He asked their price. The man replied, 'One dinar'. He bought both the fishes for one dinar and went away. When he reached home he split the bellies of both and found such a pearl from both which people had never seen. On the other hand, the king sent a person to find and buy the same kind of pearl. That person found the same pearl with the man. The man sold the pearl for 30 mules loaded with gold. When the king saw the pearl, he said: It will benefit only when there will be another one like this. The king then said to his servants: Find another one like it even if you have to pay double for it. They went to the same man and said: If you have another pearl like the pearl which we bought from you, give us. We will

pay double amount of money. The man asked: Will you really pay me so much? They replied in the affirmative. The man sold the second pearl for twofold price [i.e. for 60 mules loaded with gold]. (*Allah Walon ki Baatayn, vol. 4, pp. 14*)

Allah Almighty solves the problems of His bondmen by His mercy. Let's listen to a blessed verse in this relation:

In verse 48 of Surah Al-Ahzaab, part 22, Allah Almighty has said:

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٤٨﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** *And rely upon Allah, and Allah is Sufficient as The Disposer of matters.*

(Part 22, Surah Al-Ahzaab, Ayah 48)

Regarding the above-mentioned blessed verse it is stated in the exegesis *Siraat-ul-Jinaan*: One who trusts Allah Almighty in his worldly and Hereafter matters, Allah Almighty is sufficient for him. (*Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 7, pp. 199 – 200, Jalalayn ma' Saawi, vol. 5, pp. 1645 - 1646*)(*Siraat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 8, pp. 61*)

It has become obvious! To trust Allah Almighty is a great deed. Therefore every Islamic sister should find out means, but should completely trust Allah Almighty and should leave her matters to Him.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! How great the obedient and wise son was! Undoubtedly if he had wanted, he could have deprived himself of his father's affections and the great reward for looking after father by getting the wealth of his share as his other unworthy brothers did, but he was a fortunate, self-reliant, loyal and sensible son.

He did not forget the favours of his father for the temporary worldly wealth. He knew it that by looking after father one pleases Allah Almighty and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Of course, father is the honourable person by looking after whom a son deserves Paradise. He also knew it that wealth is temporary. If wealth is lost, there is no problem but the privilege to look after

father should not be lost. This great and loyal son rejected the temporary wealth and preferred to look after his father and became busy looking after him till his death. Allah Almighty liked so much the deed of this worthy son that He **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** was pleased with him and after being pleased with him He **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** bestowed blessings upon this sensible son in the world. May Allah Almighty make every Muslim obedient to their father and enable them to continue to look after him!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! A father does so many favours on his children that if the children get more than one life, even then they cannot return their father's favours because father is a priceless gift of Allah Almighty. It is impossible to get free from the rights of father. Father is the personage who without any purpose and greed for any return does his children's favour. No matter whether the weather is hot or cold, very sunny or it is raining, whether a father is healthy or ill in every state he leaves home early in the morning for work and works throughout the day every day for his children. He tries to satisfy every desire of his children, provides them with good education, gives them nice clothes to wear, thinks all the time about their progress, takes care of them day and night besides spending on them. He makes Du'a that his child regains health. A father spends all his energy in order to make the future of his children better; a father for his children is like a tree that gives shade; a father comforts his children by facing difficulties; a father perhaps is the personage who wants to make his children more successful than himself; he, from time to time, gives good pieces of advice to his children; he tells his children about his experiences; he informs his children of the current and upcoming risks and mischiefs; he teaches his children how to live a successful life; he tells his children the difference between friends and strangers; he feels pleased when he sees his children happy and feels sad when he sees his children in trouble; a father surmises about his children's needs and worries from the expression on his children's face; a father encourages his children in difficulties; a father does not leave

even his disabled child; a father even loves his disobedient child. If there is no father, the house becomes desolate.

Commandment of treating parents well has been mentioned in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees: In verse 23 and 24 of Surah Bani Israel part 15 Allah Almighty has stated:

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا  
 أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أَفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾ وَانْخِضْ لَهُمَا  
 جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْنِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** *And your Lord has commanded that do not worship anyone except Him, and treat parents with goodness; if one of them or both reach old age in front of you, so do not say (even) 'Ugh' to them and do not scold them, and speak to them words of respect. And spread for them the arm of humbleness with a soft heart, and request humbly that, 'O my Lord! Have mercy on them both, just as they brought me up in my childhood.'*

(Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 23 -24)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O devotees of Rasool! Let's now listen to five blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ about the importance of treating father well and the glory of father in the light of blessed Ahadees:

1. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Father is the middle door of Paradise; it is up to you whether you protect it or leave it. (Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 359, Hadees 1906)
2. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The pleasure of Allah Almighty is in the pleasure of father and the displeasure of Allah Almighty is in the displeasure of father. (Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 360, Hadees 1907)
3. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The obedience to Allah Almighty is in the obedience to father and the disobedience to Allah

Almighty is in the disobedience to father. (*Mu'jam-e-Awsat, vol. 1, pp. 614, Hadees 2255*)

4. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The one who finds his parents or any of them and does not treat them well gets away from the mercy of Allah Almighty and deserves the wrath of Allah Almighty. (*Mu'jam-e-Kabeer, vol. 12, pp. 66, Hadees 12551*)
5. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: None of you should verbally abuse his father at all. Blessed companions عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ humbly asked: 'Ya Rasool Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! How can a person verbally abuse his father?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'If he verbally abuses the father of someone, he will verbally abuse his father.' (*Muslim, pp. 60, Hadees 263*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard how high eminence Allah Almighty has bestowed upon father! Allah Almighty has made His pleasure and obedience on father's pleasure and obedience.

It should have happened that stating Labbayk to the blessed sayings of Allah Almighty and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ we should have got Du'as from our parents by looking after them with great zeal and enthusiasm, should have fulfilled their rights, should have carried out every permissible order of parents, should have come to them running by saying Labbayk when they called us, should have given priority to their needs, should have protected ourselves from the disobedience to parents, should have helped them in their difficult time, during their illness and in their old age and should have tried to please them in every way, but unfortunately, due to lack of Islamic knowledge, today the name of father has been included in the list of most oppressed people. Daughters usually take care of their father. Alas! Unfortunately the incidents of treating father badly are increasing. In the past, children used to fear that their father might become displeased with them, but now the father fears that his children might become displeased with him. A father alone nourishes five children happily, but five children cannot look after one father. If a father advises his children, his children turn

a deaf ear to his advice by scolding him. If a father says some hard words for the betterment of his children, children frown at him and talk rudely to him.

As long as a father earns money, children like him very much, but as he falls ill, is not able to work, makes any decision against the temperament of his children, forbids his children to do any work that is harmful to them, children do not understand. If a father is unable to give them money or gets old, so the importance of the father for his children does not remain less than any useless thing.

After the death of mother, father's life usually becomes boring and he feels lonely. In a situation like this he greatly needs the sympathy of his children, but children become engrossed in themselves so much that they have no time even for inquiring after their father. The mistreatment that is especially committed to parents after the marriage is something very frightening and terrible. Father spends hundreds of thousands of rupees on the marriages of his children, but after getting married his children make his life terrible.

Parents nourish their children with great care and elegance, tearfully beg them from Allah Almighty, spend their life savings on their treatment, request pious people to make Du'as for them, but unfortunately one day the same children displease them, hurt their feelings and kick them out of their home or leave them in the Old House.

In the Old House the memories of the moments which they [parents] have spent with their children torment them and make them weep a lot. Everyday parents hope: Today my children whom I have nourished with great hardship and difficulty, for whom I sacrificed my good night's sleep when they were undergoing treatment for their illness; whose attractive voice would make my tiredness of the entire day go away will come to take me; will take me home, but unfortunately, days and nights continue to pass; no one comes and nor do they receive any phone calls.

It is a well-known saying, 'As you sow so shall you reap'! Today if we treat our father badly, it is possible that tomorrow our children will also give us the same treatment.

## As you sow so shall you reap

It is stated in a blessed Hadees: **كَمَا تَدْرِيْنُ تُدَانُ** i.e. As you sow so shall you reap.

*(Musannaf Abdur-ur-Razzaq, vol. 10, pp. 189, Hadees 20430)*

Commenting on this blessed Hadees ‘Allamah Abdul Rauf Manaawi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has written: i.e. The way you do, in the same way you will be given its return; whatever you do to someone, the same will happen to you. *(At-Tayseer Bi-Sharh-ul-Jami’-us-Sagheer, vol. 2, pp. 222)*

Dear Islamic sisters! Let’s listen to two thought-provoking parables containing admonitory end of the one who treated his father badly and learn a lesson:

### 1. It is the return for this

Sayyiduna Saabit Bunaani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: At some place a person was beating his father. People reproached him: O the unfortunate person! What are you doing? Upon this the father said: Leave him because I would also beat my father here at the same place, therefore, my son is also beating me at the very same place. It is the return for the same; do not reprove him.

*(Tanbih-ul-Ghafilteen, pp. 69)*

### 2. Tomorrow the same will happen to me

It is said: Being sick of his old father a young man went to throw him into the river. The father said: O son! Throw me at a little more distance into deep water. The son said: Why should I not throw you here in the corner and why should I throw you there in the deep water? The father replied: Because here I threw my father. Having heard this, the son trembled with fear and thought that it would also happen to him one day. He took his father to his home and started looking after him. *(Jaysi karni Waysi Bharni, pp. 90)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O devotees of Rasool! Usually it is the heartfelt desire of every father and mother that ‘my child should obey us, treat us well, be pious and abstinent, should have respect and good character in the society’, but usually the result

is contrary to it. Why? Of course, how can the parents who are unaware of the basic Islamic rules of bringing up a child, who is not practising and who is deprived of the blessings of good environment, give good upbringing to their child? Perhaps that's why nowadays the standard of bringing up a child has become this that if a child does not work, takes a day off from his school, coaching centre, tuition or academy or becomes lazy in this matter, does not listen to his parents when they ask him to attend a ceremony or wear a specific dress and shoes, asks many questions or becomes stubborn in many other worldly matters, he is scolded, advised for many hours, even he is beaten. On the contrary, if the same child misses Salah or does not offer Salah with Jama'at, takes a day off or goes to Madrasah or Jami'ah late, wanders the whole night, watches films and dramas, listens to songs and music, adopts impermissible fashion, does not care about Halal and Haraam, backbites, spends money on useless acts, and commits many other evils, the parents do not ask anything about these matters even they do not frown.

It has also been observed that if someone corrects the children, their parents say: 'They are very young now', 'they are unwise', 'they will understand with the passage of time, 'we should not become so much strict with children', etc. When the children who are deprived of Islamic upbringing, who are given too much love and who are given too much freedom bring shame on their father, mother, family and the society, when they stare their father and mother upon being scolded and not given money, when they scold their parents or beat them, that time the parents start recalling the pieces of advice of their well-wishers. Now the same parents start becoming anxious for their children's reform, make Du'as and request others to make Du'a for them, but there is no way to reform them because they have gone too far and their parents are left with nothing but regret. It means due to a little heedlessness of parents precious pearls are lost.

Due to not giving proper upbringing and giving too much freedom to children the parents have to face great problems. Let's listen to two admonitory parables about it.

## Disadvantage of not giving Islamic upbringing to children

A person said to his father: You wasted me [by not bringing me up as per Islamic teachings] in my childhood, therefore now I will waste you in your old age. (*Fayz-ul-Qadeer, vol. 1, pp. 292, Taht-al-Hadees 311*)

## When a childless person blessed with a child

In his book, ‘*Call to Righteousness*’, Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat Allamah Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri دامت برکاتہم العالیہ has mentioned: There was a rich person who had no child. He made great efforts for a child but could not succeed. Someone advised him to go to sacred Makkah and in Makkah go inside Masjid Haraam near Maqam-e-Ibrahim and make Du’a, إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ your desire will be fulfilled. He did the same and Allah Almighty blessed him with a beautiful son. He brought him up with great elegance. Since the child was the only child he was given too much love, but not correct upbringing due to which he became profligate and extravagant. His father realized it very late and stopped giving money to his son. When he stopped giving his son money, he opposed his father and went to Makkah Mukarramah near Maqam-e-Ibrahim – where his father made Du’a for a child and as a result he was born - and started making Du’as for the death of his father so that he could inherit his father’s wealth from him. (*Nayki ki Da’wat, pp. 577*)

Dear Islamic sisters! It has become obvious that becoming heedless of giving correct Islamic upbringing to children can make parents feel regret and can bring shame on them. They, therefore, should wake up to the fact, learn the rules of bringing up their children and should not ignore Shar’i commandments regarding the matters of children. Make your child the obedient bondman to Allah Almighty and the true slave of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Continue to make your efforts to make your character as per Sunnah. In order to attain this mind-set associate yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, and become busy serving Sunnahs.

## Important points of making Madani environment at home

Dear Islamic sisters! Let's have the privilege of listening to important points of making Madani environment at home. First of all, listen to two blessed sayings of Beloved Mustafa ﷺ:

- The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'Do not make your homes a graveyard. Undoubtedly, Satan runs away from the home in which Surah Baqarah is recited.' *(Muslim, pp. 306, Hadees 1824)*
- The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'The home in which the Zikr of Allah Almighty is done and the home in which the Zikr of Allah Almighty is not done are like similar to alive and dead.' *(Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 220, Hadees 6407)*
- Say Salam loudly at the time of coming home and leaving home. Stand reverently when you see your father or mother coming. Islamic sisters should kiss the hand and foot of their mother at least once a day.
- Keep your voice low in front of your parents. Do not look in the eye of your parents at all.
- Immediately complete any tasks which they have given to you [as long as it does not go against Shari`ah].
- Speak to your mother and even the child of one day old in a respectful manner.
- If only, you could wake up for Tahajjud, or at the very least, wake up easily for Fajr, in this way, laziness will not be felt at work either.
- If any members of the family are lazy in performing Salah, or if they commit the sins of unveiling, watching films and dramas, or listening to songs, and you are not the head of the family, and furthermore, you believe that there is a strong possibility that they will not listen to your advice, then instead of constantly rebuking them, encourage them to listen to/watch the Bayans [speeches] released by Maktabah-tul-Madinah, and encourage them to watch Madani Channel. *لَنْ يَهْدِيَ اللَّهُ غَوَّجًا* you will see heartening Madani effects due to this.

- No matter how much you are scolded at home, or even if you are punished, be patient, be patient, and be patient. If you start to answer back disrespectfully, then no hope will remain of creating a Madani environment in your home, and in fact this could further worsen the situation. If unwarranted strictness is expressed, Shaytan can sometimes make people stubborn.
- One excellent method of creating a Madani environment in the home is to ensure that you give or listen to a Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* at home every day (with mahrams).
- Continuously make heartfelt Du`a for everyone in your family, as the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, *الدُّعَاءُ سِلَاحُ الْمُؤْمِنِ*, meaning, 'Du`a is the weapon of a believer'. (*Al-Mustadrak lil Hakim, vol. 2, pg. 162, Hadees 1800*)
- Arrange to watch only Madani Channel in your home and get rid of sinful channels.

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