

# Do Deceased Parents Know Children's Deeds?

## Darulifta Ahlesunnat

(Dawateislami)

### Question

What do the respected scholars of Islam say about the following matter: Do a person's deceased parents know what good and bad deeds their children are doing?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

Yes, news of whatever a person is doing reaches his deceased parents. They become happy at their children's good deeds and sad at their bad deeds.

It has been mentioned in the Hadith that a person's deeds are presented to his parents. Regarding this, it has been mentioned in *Al-Jami' Al-Sagheer*:

تعرض الأعمال يوم الاثنين والخميس على الله وتعرض على الأنبياء وعلى الآباء والأمهات يوم الجمعة فيفرحون بحسناتهم وتزداد وجوههم بياضاً وإشراقاً فاتقوا الله ولا تؤذوا موتاكم

Translation: On Monday and Thursday, a person's deeds are presented to Allah عزوجل, and they are presented to the prophets عليهم السلام, their fathers and mothers on Friday. They become happy at their good deeds and their faces become enlightened and illuminated, so fear Allah and don't trouble your deceased ones.

(Al-Jami' al-Sagheer, Vol. 1, Pg. 199, Hadith No .3316, DKI, Beirut)

While explaining deceased parent's rights over their children after their passing, Imam of Ahl al-Sunnah, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states:

سب میں سخت تر و عام تر و مدام تر یہ حق ہے کہ کبھی کوئی گناہ کر کے انہیں قبر میں ایذا نہ پہنچانا، اس کے سب اعمال کی خبر ماں باپ کو پہنچتی ہے، نیکیاں دیکھتے ہیں، تو خوش ہوتے ہیں اور ان کا چہرہ فرحت سے چمکتا اور دکتا ہے، اور گناہ دیکھتے ہیں تو رنجیدہ ہوتے ہیں اور ان کے قلب پر صدمہ ہوتا ہے، ماں باپ کا یہ حق نہیں کہ انہیں قبر میں بھی رنج پہنچائے

Translation: The most severe, the most common, and the most permanent right is that one does not trouble them in their graves by committing sins. They receive news of all their (child's) deeds.

When they see good deeds, they become happy, and their faces start shining and glowing due to happiness. And when they see bad deeds, they become sad, and they feel pain in their hearts. It is not the right of parents that one gives them pain even in their graves. (Fatawa Razawiyah, Vol. 24, Pg. 392, Raza Foundation, Lahore)

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُوْلُهُ اَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم knows best.)

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