

The Rights of children in Islam



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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

The rights of children are not guaranteed by the actions of their parents, their communities, or even their governments. God Himself guarantees children's rights.

Islam establishes a legal framework and embodies a code of ethics designed to protect the rights of every individual, including his or her right to live in a secure society. For children, security is of the utmost importance. In Islam, the rights of a child begin even before birth; in fact they begin before conception.

The Qur'an and the authentic traditions of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him speak clearly about the responsibility that comes with raising a child.

It is an obligation upon the believers to raise and care for children by bringing them up as moral, righteous individuals. Neglecting this duty could potentially lead a person away from the path of righteousness and away from God.

"Allah instructs you concerning your children..."

(Qur'an 4:11)

Caring for and raising children in the proper manner is a duty on parents and it is not always easy. In fact, God reminds us in the Qur'an that children may indeed be a great trial for their parents.

"Your wealth and your children are but a trial..."

(Qur'an 64:15)

The triumphs and tribulations of life are a test and children are no exception. They can bring great joy but sometimes they also bring great sadness. God, in His infinite wisdom, never leaves an individual alone in the face of life's trials. Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said:

"Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock. The ruler of the people is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. A man is the shepherd of his household and is responsible for his flock. A woman is the shepherd of her husband's house and children and is responsible for her flock. The slave is the shepherd of his master's wealth and is responsible for it. Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Children are a trust given to their parents and parents are to be held responsible for this trust on the Day of Judgement.

Parents are required to feed, clothe, house, nourish and sustain their children, and provide them with security and education. Parents too are responsible for the religious training and spiritual guidance of their children. The heart of a child must be filled with faith, peace and tranquillity.

A child's mind must be entertained with proper guidance, knowledge and wisdom, a true sense of purpose and moral and ethical understanding. All of this must be accompanied with emotional support and encouragement, a feeling of belonging and being valued.

Seeing the Prophet peace be upon him kissing his grandson, a person named Alaqr'a Ibn Habis said,

"I have ten children, but I never kissed any of them."

The Prophet replied,

"The one who does not show mercy will not be shown mercy."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

If parents fulfill this responsibility of showing compassion, they will be free from the consequences of its neglect on the Day of Judgement. The children will become better citizens and a pleasure to the eyes of their parents, first in this life and then in the Hereafter.

"And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith – We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds..."

(Qur'an 52:21)

Moreover, Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said:

"When a person dies all his good deeds come to an end except three: ongoing charity, or beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who will pray for him."

(Muslim)

Such a statement reflects the value of proper child-rearing. It has an everlasting effect, even after death.

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