

# Manners

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Notes for the Guardian:

(1) As per traditions of Masomeen<sup>asws</sup>, little children are treated to be as rulers (without disciplining/forcing them to learn), so let them play until they reach the age of 7 years (appro. 6 years and 8 months as per Christian calendar).<sup>1</sup>

(2) وَ رَوَى عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ فَضَالَةَ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ وَ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ ع قَالَ سَمِعْتُهُ يَقُولُ إِذَا بَلَغَ الْعُلَامُ ثَلَاثَ سِنِينَ يُقَالُ لَهُ فُلَانٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ سَبْعَ مَرَّاتٍ ثُمَّ يُتْرَكُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ لَهُ ثَلَاثُ سِنِينَ وَ سَبْعَةُ أَشْهُرٍ وَ عِشْرُونَ يَوْمًا فَيُقَالُ لَهُ فُلَانٌ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ سَبْعَ مَرَّاتٍ وَ يُتْرَكُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ لَهُ أَرْبَعُ سِنِينَ ثُمَّ يُقَالُ لَهُ فُلَانٌ سَبْعَ مَرَّاتٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ ثُمَّ يُتْرَكُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ لَهُ خَمْسُ سِنِينَ ثُمَّ يُقَالُ لَهُ أَيُّهُمَا يَمِينُكَ وَ أَيُّهُمَا شِمَالُكَ فَإِذَا عَرَفَ ذَلِكَ حَوَّلَ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى الْقِبْلَةِ وَ يُقَالُ لَهُ اسْجُدْ ثُمَّ يُتْرَكُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ لَهُ سَبْعُ سِنِينَ فَإِذَا تَمَّ لَهُ سَبْعُ سِنِينَ قِيلَ لَهُ اغْسِلْ وَجْهَكَ وَ كَفَيْكَ فَإِذَا غَسَلَهُمَا قِيلَ لَهُ صَلِّ ثُمَّ يُتْرَكُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ لَهُ تِسْعُ سِنِينَ فَإِذَا تَمَّتْ لَهُ عِلْمُ الْوُضُوءِ وَ ضُرِبَ عَلَيْهِ وَ أُمِرَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَ ضُرِبَ عَلَيْهَا فَإِذَا تَعَلَّمَ الْوُضُوءَ وَ الصَّلَاةَ عَقَرَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ لَهُ وَ لِوَالِدَيْهِ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

Abdullah bin Fazala has narrated from Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq<sup>asws</sup> who reported on his father Imam Mohammed Baqir<sup>asws</sup> that when your child reaches the age of **three years** then ask him/her to say 'قُلْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ' seven times. Then wait until the time when he/she reaches the age of **three years, seven months and twenty days** and ask him/her to recite 'مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ' seven times and then wait until he/she reaches the age of four, then ask him/her to recite

<sup>1</sup> Jama-ul-Akhbar, ch. Oulad, 62, pp. 181, Manla YahzarulFaqih, tradition 4743 and 4746.

‘صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ’ seven times. After that wait until he/she reaches **age of five**, then ask him/her which one is his/her right hand and which one is his/her left hand, if the child has begun to recognise his/her right and left then ask him/her to perform **prostration towards Kabah**. He/she should be left until he/she reaches **the age of seven**, then he/she should be asked to wash his/her hands and face and offer salat. He/she should then be left alone until he/she reaches nine years, then he/she should be taught how to perform ablution (wuzu) and at this stage he/she should be disciplined to learn ablution and salat and start offering salat. When he/she would learn ablution and salat, inshaAllah<sup>azwj</sup> will forgive his/her parent.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Manla YahzarulFaqih, tradition 863.

## Pre-School Level - Manners (Memorise)

### (1)-Say Salam upon Greeting<sup>3</sup>

وَإِذَا جَاءَكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا فَقُلْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ كَتَبَ  
رَبُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ أَنَّهُ مَن عَمِلَ مِنكُمْ سُوءًا بِجَهَالَةٍ ثُمَّ  
تَابَ مِن بَعْدِهِ وَأَصْلَحَ فَإِنَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ {6:54}

*Peace be on you, your Lord has ordained mercy on Himself, (so) that if any one of you does evil in ignorance, then turns after that and acts aright, then He is Forgiving, Merciful.*

### (2)- How to say 'Salam'

وَإِذَا حُيِّتُمْ بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ  
عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَسِيبًا {4:86}

*And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet with a better (greeting) than it or return it; surely Allah takes account of all things.*

The customary greeting in Islam is: "Assalamu aleykum-peace be on you"; while "wassalamu aleykam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu-and on you be peace and blessings of Allah"; replies another.

These gentle and cordial words of greeting each other have created a unique sense of brotherhood among the Muslims-master and servant, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlettered, greet each other with the same dignity on

<sup>3</sup> Ilul Sharia, pp. 117

### (3)- Say Salam when you enter a house

...فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ  
اللَّهِ مُبَارَكَةً طَيِّبَةً كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ  
{24:61}

*....So when you enter houses, greet your people with a salutation from Allah, blessed (and) goodly; thus does Allah make clear to you the communications that you may*

(4)- Imam Ali<sup>asws</sup> says: "There are 70 rewards in saying salam, 69 are for that who first says salam and 1 is for that who gives reply to salam."<sup>4</sup>

(5)- Rasool Allah<sup>saww</sup> said: Before you leave a gathering, say '**Salam**' to them."<sup>5</sup>

(6)- Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq<sup>asws</sup> said: "When you enter into a house say: 'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَ بِاللَّهِ' and say salam to those who are present but if the house is empty then say:

'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَ سَلِّمْ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَ السَّلَامَ عَلَيْنَا وَ عَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ' upon reciting these words Iblis would run away from that house."<sup>6</sup>

(7)- Prophet Mohammed<sup>saww</sup> said: "the rider should say 'Salam to the pedestrian, the person on his feet should say Salam to the one(s) who are sitting and after that should start conversation."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Jamia-ul-Akhbar, pp. 149

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, pp. 149

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, pp. 149

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, pp. 150

#### **(4)- Ask for forgiveness for each other when leaving**

Prophet Mohammed<sup>saww</sup> says: “you say Salam and hug (mahrams) and ask for forgiveness upon departing.”<sup>8</sup>

#### **(5)- Wash Hands before and after eating food**

غسل اليدين قبل الطعام و بعده زيادة في الرزق

Washing hands before and after eating increases sustenance.<sup>9</sup>

#### **(6)- Eating Manners**

و إذا جلس أحدكم على الطعام فليجلس جلسة العبد و يأكل على الأرض و لا يضع إحدى

When you sit down to have a meal, you should sit like slaves and eat on the floor.<sup>10</sup>

#### **(7)- Say ‘Bismillah’ befor eating food**

وَ فِي رِوَايَةٍ إِسْمَاعِيلَ بْنِ أَبِي زِيَادٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ص قَالَ إِذَا وُضِعَتِ الْمَائِدَةُ حَفَّهَا أَرْبَعَةُ أَمْلَاكٍ فَإِذَا قَالَ

الْعَبْدُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ لِلشَّيْطَانِ اخْزِ يَا فَاسِقُ فَلَا سُلْطَانَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ فَإِذَا فَرَّغُوا فَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ هُمْ قَوْمٌ أَنْعَمَ

<sup>8</sup> Tahzeeb ul Islam, pp. 431

<sup>9</sup> الخصال ج : 2 ص : 611

<sup>10</sup> Ibid

اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ فَأَدَّوْا شُكْرَ رَبِّهِمْ فَإِذَا لَمْ يَقُولُوا بِسْمِ اللَّهِ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ لِلشَّيْطَانِ ادْنُ يَا فَاسِقُ فَكُلْ مَعَهُمْ فَإِذَا زُفِعَتْ فَلَمْ يَحْمَدُوا اللَّهَ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ هُمْ قَوْمٌ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ فَنَسُوا رَبَّهُمْ

Ismail ibn Abi Ziad has narrated from Imam Abi Abd Allah<sup>asws</sup> that Rasool Allah<sup>saww</sup> said: 'When food matt is laid out, four angels come to it, and when the servant says, 'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ', angels then tell to Iblis, Keep away from him O accursed one, you have no control over him, and after finish eating food, the servant says, 'الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ', angels say he is from those who have been blessed with bounties of their Lord<sup>azwj</sup> and they are thankful to Him<sup>azwj</sup>.

But if he does not recite 'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ' before eating food, angels say to Iblis, O accursed one, come and have a share in his food, and when food matt is moved and he do not say 'الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ', angels says he belongs to those who were blessed with the bounties but they ignored to acknowledge their 'Rab'.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> 355 3 من لا يحضره الفقيه , H. 4250