



OBEDIENCE TO ONE'S PARENTS

﴿ وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

[Sooratul-`Ankaboot 29:8]

Meaning: And We have enjoined man to be good and dutiful to his parents, but if they strive to make you join with Me in worship anything as a partner of which you have no knowledge, then do not obey them. Unto Me is your return, and I shall tell you what you used to do.

Shaikh `Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Naasir as-Sa`dee (rahimahullaah) said:

Meaning: And We commanded man, and enjoined him to treat his parents in a good manner; meaning to be dutiful to them, and to treat them in a fine manner, in speech and action; and that he should be constant upon that; and that he should not be disobedient towards them, nor treat them in a bad manner, in his speech or action.

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And no one has any knowledge of the condition of shirk along with Allaah; so this shows the seriousness of shirk... So I shall recompense you for your deeds.

So be good to your parents, and give precedence to obedience to them, but not over and above obedience to Allaah and His Messenger- for that has precedence over everything. ¹

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