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The Preservation of Good Relationship with people

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“By an act of mercy from Allah, you [Prophet] were gentle in your dealings with them- had you been harsh, or hard-hearted, they would have dispersed and left you.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

Being kind and having good relations with people are among the virtuous morals and noble values that our true religion has called for. These are the traits of noble people and faithful ones. The Almighty Allah said, **“Do good, for Allah loves those who do good.”** He (Glory be to Him) also said, **“Do not forget to be generous towards one another.”** Also, Allah said, **“Shall the reward of good be anything but good.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, **“If anyone does you a favor recompense him, but if you do not have the means to do so, make Du’a (supplication) for him.”**

When contemplating the life of our Prophet (PBUH), one finds that he was the best example in his companionship and being kind to his family, companions and all people. The Almighty Allah described him saying, **“A Messenger has come to you from among yourselves. Your suffering distresses him: he is deeply concerned for you and full of kindness and mercy towards the believers.”** Allah also said, **“We have sent you only as mercy for It was only as a mercy that We sent you [Prophet] to all people.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “I am nearer to every believer than himself, and if anyone leaves a fortune, it goes to his heirs.”

Therefore, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was the kindest person as a father, a husband, a grandfather and a companion. With his family, he used to help and support them in all their affairs and to spare good time with them in order to bring happiness to them in order to put the Qur'anic instructions into practice as Allah, the Almighty, says, **“Live with them in accordance with what is fair and kind.”** Moreover, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) himself said, “Be Kind to women.” He (PBUH) said also, “Fear Allah with regard to women”. In another Hadith, he (PBUH) said, “The best of you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family.”

He (PBUH) was a merciful, loving and benevolent father and grandfather. Anas ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “I have never seen anyone more kind to one's children than Allah's Messenger

(PBUH)". He (PBUH) used, whenever his daughter Fatimah would enter upon him, to stand up, kiss her on her forehead, sit her on his right. He, moreover, used to confide his secrets to her as a manifestation of honoring and trusting her.

One time, when he (PBUH) was standing on the Minbar (pulpit), delivering Friday sermon, he saw his two grand sons, al-Hasan and al-Hussayn, may Allah be pleased with both of them, walking and falling down. So he (PBUH) descended from the Minbar and carried and kissed them. Then he said: 'I looked at these two children walking and falling down, and I could not bear patiently anymore until I interrupted my talk and picked them up.' Allah's Messenger (PBUH) was, one time, leading Muslims in prayer while he was carrying Umama, daughter of Zainab, may Allah be pleased with her, when he prostrated he put her down and when he stood up he lifted her up. How kind and beautiful was his (PBUH) treatment and companionship.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

There is no doubt that good companionship is a proof and indication of one's lofty morals, noble origin and good religiosity. The role model and best example in this regard for all humaity is our beloved Prophet (PBUH), who was faithful towards his family, companions and even towards his enemies. One time, an old woman came to him, he was very kind, benevolent and hospitable to her. When 'Aishah, may Allah be pleased with her, asked him about this, he (PBUH) replied, "She used to visit us at the lifetime of Khadijah, and Loyalty and keeping good relations are part of belief".

With regard to the Ansaar (people of Madinah), who received him and supported his call, he (PBUH) said, "But for the emigration, I would have been one of the Ansaar: and if the people took their way in a mountain pass, I would take the Ansar's mountain pass. O Allah, have mercy on the Ansaar, the children of the Ansaar, and the grandchildren of the Ansaar." His close friend and companion had a share of his good companionship also as He (PBUH) said, "The person who has favored me most of all both with his company and wealth is Abu Bakr. If I were to take a Khalil other than my Lord, I would have taken Abu Bakr as such, but (what relates us) is the Islamic brotherhood and friendliness." This Prophetic approach was not restricted to his family and companions only, but, rather, it extended over all people. It was narrated that Al-Sa'ib ibn Abu al-Sa'ib said, "I went to the Prophet (PBUH) and people began to commend me. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, 'I am more aware of

him than you.' I replied, "That is true, may my mother and father be sacrificed for you! You were my partner during al-Jahiliyah (the pre-Islamic period) and you were the best of partners, you did not contend or dispute."

This was his (PBUH) manner with his enemies also. At the Day of the Battle of Badr, Prophet (PBUH) remembered Al-Mut‘am ibn ‘Adiy, the man in whose protection Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) entered Mecca upon his return from al-Taa'if. Remembering him, Prophet Muhammad said, "If Al-Mut‘am ibn ‘Adiy had been alive and spoken to me about these ones - referring to the prisoners of war of Badr- I would have left them for him."

How beautiful it is when we seek and preserve good companionship with family, colleagues, neighbors and all people. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says, "The companion who is the best to Allah is the one who is best to his companion. And the neighbor that is the best to Allah is the one that is best to his neighbor." And he (PBUH) says, "The [true] Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe".

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!