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## Seeking forgiveness for parents

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Allaah (تبارك وتعالى)<sup>1</sup> said:

رَبِّ أَغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِمَنْ دَخَلَ بَيْتِي مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

[My Lord! Forgive me, and my parents, and him who enters my home as a believer, and all the believing men and women.]<sup>2</sup>

Allaah (تبارك وتعالى) said:

وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَرْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّبْتَنِي صَغِيرًا

[and say: 'My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small.']<sup>3</sup>

From Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه)<sup>4</sup> who said that the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

إن الرجل ليرفع درجته في الجنة فيقول : أنى ( لي ) هذا ؟ فيقال : باستغفار ولدك لك

'Indeed Allaah raises the grade of a righteous slave of His in Paradise so much that the slave of Allaah says: 'O My Lord! From where is all this for me? He will say: 'By your son seeking forgiveness for you.'<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (تبارك وتعالى) (Tabaraka wa Ta'ala) The Blessed and the Most High

<sup>2</sup> سورة نوح – Soorah Nooh [71:28]

<sup>3</sup> سورة الإسراء Soorah al-Israa [17:24]

<sup>4</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

<sup>5</sup> Collected by Ibn Maajah, Ahmad, Ibn Abee Shaybah in 'al-Mussanaf', Asbahanee in 'Targheeb', Baghawee in 'Sharh as-Sunnah', and by ad-Diyaa & Albaanee declared its Isnaad as hasan in Saheehah no.1598

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Abul Hasan as-Sindee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (d. 1138 A.H.) said in his explanation of 'Sunnan Ibn Maajah':

'Therefore it is necessary for the son to seek forgiveness for his parents.'<sup>6</sup>

**Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan** was asked:

'My mother seeks forgiveness and makes Tasbeeh a hundred times a day for her parents daily, what is the ruling of seeking forgiveness for parents after they have passed away?

The Shaykh answered:

'This is a good thing, seeking forgiveness for parents and the Muslims, a person seeks forgiveness for himself, his parents and the Muslims, this is a matter which is legislated.

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[My Lord! Forgive me, and my parents, and him who enters my home as a believer]

like Nooh (عليه السلام)<sup>7</sup> said.

واستغفر لذنبك وللمؤمنين والمؤمنات

[Seek forgiveness for your sins and the believing men and women]

Like Allaah said to our Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

Seeking forgiveness for a person, his parents, his relatives, and his Muslim brothers, the living and the dead, is a matter which is needed, and a person should do this a lot.'<sup>8</sup>

<sup>6</sup> From 'Sunnan Ibn Majah' No. 3660

<sup>7</sup> (عليه السلام) ('alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him

<sup>8</sup> Taken from: <http://www.alfawzan.af.org.sa/node/13605>