



سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ
Surat al-‘Ankabūt (29)

The Spider

COMMENTARY OF THE QUR’AN

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

God's precedence in testing humans' faith

Testing people's faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

First Group: Verses 8 to 9

The believers and
enduring hardships in the
way of God



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ
لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

We have enjoined on a human being to be kind to his parents, but should they, *your parents*, push you to associate with Me *partners* which you know to be nothing at all *true*, then you must not obey them. You shall all have to return to Me *after all*. I shall tell you all that you have been doing *in your life*. (8)



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

Points of Importance

1. WHY would this verse come up in this section?
2. The meaning of the word **“وَوَصَّيْنَا”** – “We have enjoined/advised”.
3. HOW to deal with parents who may encourage their children towards sin?



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

...وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا **مَعْرُوفًا** ^ط وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ... ﴿١٥﴾

...Yet keep company with them showing **uniform courtesy, love and kindness** to them in worldly affairs. But *in spiritual matters* follow the way of one who turns to Me *in obedience and repentance*...

Surah Luqman (31), Verse 15



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

قَالَ عَلِيٌّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: لَا طَاعَةَ

لِمَخْلُوقٍ فِي مَعْصِيَةِ الْخَالِقِ

Imam ‘Alī, peace be upon him, said:

“There is no obeying the creations of God if it means going against the Creator.”

Nahj al-Balagha, Saying 165



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

Goodness to Parents

Surah al-Baqara (2), Verse 83	Surah al-Nisa (4), Verse 36
وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا	وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا
Surah al-An‘am (6), Verse 151	Surah al-Isra (17), Verse 23
وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا	وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا
Surah Luqman (31), Verses 14-15	Surah al-Ahqaf (46), Verses 15-16
اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ	بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا

Prayers for Parents

Surah Ibrahim (14), Verse 41	
رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ	
Surah al-Isra (17), Verse 24	Surah Nuh (71), Verse 28
رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا	رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ فِي الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٩﴾

And as to those who believe and do deeds of righteousness
We will certainly admit them to (the fold of) the righteous.

(9)



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

The Fruits of Belief and Action

In Verse 7:

1. Cover over their bad deeds;
2. Reward them according to the best of their deeds;

In Verse 9:

1. Admitted into the company of the righteous.



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 8 & 9

Points for Reflection

1. **Goodness** to our parents is a universal obligation and is **unconditional** – regardless of the religion or level of practice to Islam of our parents.
2. **Obedience** to our parents is **conditional** – we are not permitted to follow them in sins and transgressions against the laws of Allah or if they encourage us to sin.
3. **Faith** and **Action** go hand in hand – you can’t have one without the other. Those who do good deeds but are not believers will receive a reward, but not the “full reward” promised by Allah.

