

Parents - Save yourselves and your families

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Shia Ithna'asheri Madressa

Objective



- The Madressa's vision is to ***"To nurture a community of students that exhibits the features of the Holy Quran & Ahlul-Bayt (AS)"***.
- We recognise we cannot do this in isolation by just focussing on our students, we need to look at our Madressa community as a whole.
- We have teamed up with our Resident Aalima from Hujjat KSIMC of London in order to provide weekly advice to parents.
- The advice is intended to be something practical to encourage spiritual growth across our Madressa community.

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ
وَالْحِجَارَةُ ...

[Surah Tahrim 66:6] O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a fire whose fuel is mankind and stones

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This verse is talking to the believers – so you and I.

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Allah tells us to save ourselves first and then our families from the fire – this can be looked at three-fold:

1. We are responsible not only for ourselves but also for our families:

Holy Prophet (S) is reported as saying: "Know that you are all guardians responsible for those whom you are appointed to guard. The leader of the Islamic community is the guardian of the people and is responsible for all of them. Men are the guardians of their families for whom they are responsible. Women are also the guardians of their husbands and children for whom they stand answerable. Know that you are all guardians responsible for all those under your guardianship"[Majmu'a Warram, vol.1, p.6]

2. We should be 'do as I do' parents and NOT 'do as I say' parents:

Actions are much more powerful than words. We need to role model it for our kids.

3. If we haven't saved ourselves how can we save our children:

It's like on the flight safety announcements, they tell us to ensure we put the oxygen mask on ourselves before we put it on our children, so that we are able to think straight, take our time and help our children no matter how long it takes – in the same way if we have saved ourselves, then we can think straight, help our kids, no matter how long it takes – to save them from the fire.

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How do we save ourselves and our families?

The Holy Prophet (S) was asked the same and he replied: "Through enjoining the good and forbidding the evil. If they acknowledge your suggestions and act accordingly, you will preserve them from Hellfire. However, if they fail to act likewise, you have acted upon your obligations." Tafsir Nur al-Thiqalayn, vol. 5, p. 372.

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Allah tells us that the fuel of this fire is mankind and stones. Allamah Tabatabai in Tafsir al-Mizan writes:

1. The human beings are termed as the fuel for the fire, because it is their actions which have resulted in the fire. Without that there would have been no fire. Hence it is I through my choices, who fuel and enter the fire. Which of my choices will be the fuel for the fire and take me into the fire too?
2. The stones have been interpreted by commentators as the statues that were worshiped by people. What do I worship, which will join me in the fire?

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Allah has created the institute of marriage and family to help each of us grow towards Him. We are spiritual beings encompassed in a physical body living in a physical world and so we tend to focus on our physical well-being; here we are told to think of the needs of the soul:

- Imam Ali (A) said, "Work in the obedience of Allah (Wajibaat), avoid disobedience of Allah (Muharamaat) and order your families to remember Allah (Taqwa), then Allah will save you from the Fire."

Again making it clear that the Wajibaat and Muharamaat is for the soul NOT the body

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