

# Morals and Ethics

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**In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful**

Dearly beloved, on this blessed day the talk is about the best of morals and ethics, or noble morals or the most honourable morals. Allah may He be praised commanded us to keep a high standard of morals. The prophet ppbu ordered us to have nothing but the best of morals and ethics. Our entire worship is associated and entwined with high morals and ethics. In fact, the messenger ppbu was not sent except to complement the honourable ethics and morals. The messenger ppbu said: **{for certain I was sent to complement and fulfil the good morals}**. In another narration he was reported saying: **{for certain I was sent to complement and fulfil the honourable morals}**. Allah in His book says: **{it is He who sent into the illiterate or unlettered people a messenger of their own, to recite unto them His revelations and to purify them, and to teach them the scripture and wisdom..}** 62:2. So, purification is one of the objectives or goals of sending the messenger ppbu and his entire message. And purification here refers to purification of the soul and purification of the morals and ethics.

Dearly beloved in the sight of Allah, Do we want for Allah to love us? Yes indeed, we all seek-after this high status. It is the status for which a true believer strives for. The messenger ppbu said: **{the most loved to Allah of all His slaves are those with the best morals}**. See the great status of good morals. You would be elevated to this

status and this position just by having good morals. You become loved by Allah, all praise be to Him.

Also because of your noble morals; the messenger ppbu will also love you. The messenger ppbu said: **{it is certain that those who are most loved to me, and seated nearest to me on the day of resurrection; are those of you with the better morals}**. Yes, not who is richer; or not who has a better ancestry or descent; or not who has greater fame or glory; or not who has a better look; or better physic; or not who has a better outfit or better dressed; or not who is better at speech; or not who has better rhetoric and eloquence; NO, not without truthful intentions and good deeds and good morals. Yes, the messenger ppbu said: **{it is certain that those who are most loved to me, and seated nearest to me on the day of resurrection; are those of you with the better morals}**. He continued saying: **{and those I dislike most and are the furthest away from me when seated; on the day of resurrection; are the talkative, the big mouths and the arrogant}**. The **talkative** here meaning the man, who does a lot of useless talk; who talks at every occasion or every moment! What he says may be defamation or slandering. What he says may be back biting. The **talkative** is the same whether it's a man or a woman. This **talkative** man or woman is some of the furthest away from the heart of the messenger ppbu, and furthest from where he sits on the day of resurrection.

**The big mouth** men and women are **those who go on rants**, those who talk with full mouth. They see or care for no one except themselves. They talk only to insult others and praise and commend themselves above all others. They

speak of; and accept only their own opinion. They are most skilful with their words, and the most eloquent, and are better at speech than all other speakers.

**The arrogant** are those who are proud or snob. Those who feel they are better and above everyone else.

My beloved in Allah's sake, the most complete in faith amongst all the faithful are those of them who are better mannered. And the best of you men; as far as morals go; are those of you who are better morally with their wives. This who has good morals and ethics is the one who interacts with his wife well, treats his wife with respect, and honour and goodness. Not to curse at her or insult her or abuse her. The true honourable morals are the better morals a man can express towards his wife. Some men adorn and groom themselves with beautiful words; and good acts when they are outside the house amongst their friends, and with those in charge of them in the job; just so they would have that status or reputation or fame. But the real men with true morals are those who start practicing the best morals from within the home.

Slaves of Allah, remember what the messenger ppbu said that on the day of resurrection; there is nothing that weighs more in the scales; heavier than good morals. The messenger ppbu also said: **{The faithful person would reach as a result of his/her good morals the same level of the fasting and night praying person}**. In fact the faithful person as a result of his/her good morals would obtain or achieve the highest levels of paradise. The messenger ppbu said: **{I am the guarantor (or I can guarantee) a house in the lower part of paradise to**

**anyone who leaves arguing even when he/she were on the right; and a house in the middle part of paradise to anyone who leaves off telling lies even for jokes, and a house in higher part of paradise to anyone who has good morals}.**

Remember also that the good delicate and gentle morals can save you from hellfire. The messenger ppbu said: **{Whoever is gentle, easy, soft and good-hearted and kind then Allah forbids hellfire from touching him/her}**. This is explained by scholars as the gentle, easy and good hearted and kind person as when he buys; and good hearted when he sells, kind when judges others and kind when he is judged; easy in all his interactions and transactions with good moral and ethics. He knows **not** complications, and he knows **not** boredom. He does **not** stress and burden his friends and brothers with boring giving out and blame; and he does not hurt them through the use of foul words and vulgar language. On the contrary, he should be easy in all his interactions. He may get annoyed but soon cools down and be contented and forgiving. Selective in the words he uses. Gentle with others and generous and one should never see violence in him, nor harsh and solid in his views; never stab people with hurtful words; never exaggerate things. He should be gentle with the old and gentle with the young, gentle with his people; his family and wife; children and brothers.

Our Lord God loves good ethics and noble morals. The messenger ppbu said: **{Allah loves the top and peaks and most honourable of things; and hates the bad, lows and insignificant}**. Allah already commended our prophet when He says in the Quran: **{And for certain;**

**you are of a tremendous moral or nature.}** 68:4. Aesha was asked about the morals and ethics of the messenger; she said: "His morals were the Quran".

Finally; the messenger ppbu said: **{there are four characteristics; if you have them within you then you don't need to worry about anything you missed in this life: being truthful when speaking; and protecting a trust when one is entrusted with some trust; and good and honourable morals or ethics; and only eating the good and the halal}**.