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Publisher's Note

This book has been written for our children to explain them what effect lying has on Faith.

Eemaan (Faith) increases and decreases. Therefore, in order for our Faith to increase it is necessary for us to be of those who are truthful. However, the one who lies, then verily his Faith will decrease.

Thus, Allāh is angry with the liar, the mothers hate him and the fathers do not like him.

Lying is from the characteristics of the people of the Hell-fire, and the losers in this life and the Hereafter. Lying is degrading and humiliating for the one who practices it and it will carry him to destruction. Lying is the cause of every evil, it is the key to corruption and it brings the anger of the people upon its practitioner.

We will learn in this book about that which decreases our Faith. Thus, we will learn about the recompense of the liar and the corruptness of lying. This is so that we

do not fall into it, that we may be cautious of it, and stay away from its people, and not accompany those who are liars.

Long ago the Companion, Huthayfah bin Al-Yamaan, used to say, "The people used to ask the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ about the good, and I used to ask him about the evil, due to fear that it would overcome me."

After reading this book, we come to hate lying, and those who practice lying. Also, every one of us will increase in Faith by adhering to truthfulness in all the affairs of this life, with our parents, our brothers, our neighbors, our friends, and with all of mankind.

Thus, we must know about the danger of lying and the punishment of the liars so that we may be of the people of truth, and with those who practice truthfulness.

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What the Noble Qur'ān says about Lying

Allāh, the Most High, said in the Noble Qur'ān:

﴿إِنَّمَا يَفْتَرِى ٱلْكَذِبَ ٱلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِـَٔايَـٰتِ ٱللَّهِ﴾

"It is only those who do not believe in the *Aayaat* (verses, signs, revelations) of Allāh, who fabricate lies." (16:105)

The believer never lies, because he believes that Allāh does not love the liars. The believing woman does not lie, because she believes that lying is detested by the Lord of all that exists (Allāh). The believer with his faith in the Qur'ān is not pleased to hear lying, nor to listen to liars.

In reference to the liar, he invents lies. This is due to their lack of faith in the *Aayaat* of Allāh in their hearts. Therefore, whoever believes in the *Aayaat* of Allāh, the Most High, then he

does not fabricate lies.

Likewise, just as the Qur'ān has told us about lying, the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ has informed us as well.

What the Prophet ﷺ said about Lying and its Effect

My dear children...

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ informed us to be far away from lying. Also, he encouraged us to detest its practitioners. He ﷺ explained to us its evil, and clarified for us its effects in the following tradition:

Ibn Mas'ood رضي الله عنه said that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

«وَإِنَّ الْكَذِبَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْفُجُورِ وَإِنَّ الْفُجُورَ يَهْدِي إِلَى النَّارِ وَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَكْذِبُ حَتَّى يُكْتَبَ عِنْدَ اللهِ كَذَّابًا»

"Verily lying leads to wickedness, and verily wickedness leads to the

Hell-fire, and verily the man continues lying until he is written with Allāh as a constant liar." (Al-Bukhaari)

Lying leads to wickedness and it leads you to falling into disobedience to Allāh, opposing one's parents, and laughing (in mockery) at one's friends.

Lying leads to wickedness and it brings you to that which will make Allāh angry with you. Also, it will cause your parents to be angry with you. Likewise, it will make your friends stay away from you, because of what it calls you to disobedience (of Allāh).

Lying leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to the Hell-fire. It causes evil things to be heard about you in every place, and it brings disgrace and despise, and it leads you to the Hell-fire in the end.

Lying leads to wickedness and it is the corruption of the *Deen* (religion of

From the Characteristics of the Liar

My beloved ones...

The liar has many characteristics and all of them are ugly. They are from the corruptness of lying and its harms.

From the characteristics of the liar are:

* He has no honor that encourages him to do good or prevents him from doing evil.
* Making many promises and making many excuses.
* Delaying and procrastinating.
* Lack of adherence to covenants and lack of fulfilling promises.
* Excessiveness in speech if it is in his worldly favor and deficiency in speaking if it is beneficial for his *Deen* (practice of Islam).
* Lack of haste in speaking the truth.
* Beautifying the speech to conceal

the wrongs that he does himself.

Therefore, my beloved ones...

These are some of the characteristics of the liar, and all of them lead to ugliness and evil. The believing man and woman keep themselves away from every wickedness and evil. Is this not so? Of course it is. Thus, it is important for us to see how there is destruction in lying, even if it comes after some time.

The Destruction is in Lying, even if it is after some Time

My beloved ones...

The liar thinks that his lying saves him, from that which he fears falling into. However, in reality, he is wrong.

Do you know why?

Because he will be destroyed in the time when all of his lying will be exposed and at that time his sorrow will never benefit him.

water. But to their sorrow, the boy did not appear. He did not come up to the top of the water. He drowned and went down to the depths of the river. He called out for help, and the danger surrounded him, but no one came to help him because the people thought that he was lying just as usual. Therefore, he drowned and died due to his lying.

Do you see my children, how the liar is destroyed, even if it is after some time?

The Punishment of the Liar in the Grave

My beloved little ones...

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ mentioned to us in the following *Hadeeth* the punishment of the liar in the Hereafter and what our Lord, the Most High, has prepared for him of severe torment:

It is reported from Samurah bin Jundub رضي الله عنه that he said:

"Whenever the Prophet ﷺ offered the Morning prayer, after he finished he would face us and say, 'Who from amongst you saw a dream last night?' So, if anyone saw any dream he would relate it, and the Prophet ﷺ would say whatever Allāh willed. So, he asked us one day and he said, 'Did anyone of you see a dream?' We said, 'No.' He ﷺ said, 'But I saw in my dream last night two men who came to me. They took my hand and they went out with me to the land of Jerusalem. We came to a man who was sitting and a man was standing over him who had a piece of iron that he put inside of the other man's mouth. He ripped part of his cheek until he reached its back part. Then he did the same with his other cheek. When he had torn the second cheek, the first cheek returned to its original state. So, he would return to it and do as he had done before. I said, 'What is this?' The two men said, 'Yes, the one whom you saw getting his

them laugh. Woe unto him, woe unto him.'' (Ahmad and Abu Dawood)

Pay attention my beloved ones...

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ repeated the statement 'Woe unto him' to tell about the severity of his destruction. This is because lying alone is the head of everything despised and the foundation of every wickedness. Hence, when he gathers those lies which kill the heart and cause it to become hard, then that is the ugliest of the evils.

My beloved ones...

Do you know what is the 'Woe' (*Al-Wayl*)? It is a valley in the Hell-fire.

Who amongst you would want to live in this horrible place? Everyone would refuse and reject. Then let us abandon lying in our statements. Also, let us abandon lying in our actions. This is so that we may stay away from *Al-Wayl*, as it

is the abode of the liars. However, the abode of the truthful ones is the Garden of Delight (Paradise). We ask Allāh to make us of the righteous, and that He keeps us away from falling into lying.

A Man who never lied

It is reported from Mansoor bin Al-Mu'tamar that he said:

"I remembered Rabee'. Do you all know who Rabee' bin Kharaash was? He was a man from Ashja' (a tribe of Arabs). His people claimed that he never lied. A tale carrier went with him to Al-Hajjaaj (the tyrannical ruler) and said, 'Here is a man from Ashja' and his people claim that he never lies, but he is going to lie to you today. His two sons have come to stay with him from Khuraasaan, and both of them are rebels against you!' Hajjaaj said, 'Bring him to me.' The punishment of Hajjaaj used to be death by the sword. When the man came to him he said, 'Hey old man, what have your two sons done

O my child...

Stay far away from lying so that you may be a true believer.

Men who never lie

My dear children...

The people of truth fear from falling into lying. For this reason they take precautions against it. They look at their statements and they think about their actions before doing them. Thus, they live as truthful people and they die as truthful people.

'Umar bin Abdul-'Azeez said:

> "I have not told a lie since I was able to tighten my own loin cloth around myself."

Meaning: 'Since I reached puberty and I understood how to wear my clothes properly, I have never lied.'

'Abdur-Rahmaan bin Salamah said:

> "I have not lied since I accepted

> Islam, except for that a man invited me to come eat his food and I said that I did not desire it, so maybe that will be written (as a lie)."

Al-Maajishoon said:

> 'Umar bin 'Abdul-'Azeez spoke to Al-Waleed about something, so Al-Waleed said to him, 'You are lying.' 'Umar then replied, 'I have not lied since I learned that lying makes its practitioner ugly.'"

Al-Ahnaf bin Qays said:

> "I have not lied since I accepted Islam, except for on one occasion. 'Umar asked me about a garment that I had bought in Kumm and I told him it was a third less than the actual price."

That was due to his fear of the sternness of 'Umar bin Al-Khattaab رضي الله عنه (i.e., 'Umar might have punished or scolded him for extravagance).