

BROTHERHOOD



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Our human nature compels us to find human company. We need someone to talk to, someone to provide us with emotional and moral support.

A good companion is like a brother, he or she is more than just a friend. But he is not a brother if he is well fed while you go to bed starving. He is only a “brother” if he shows genuine concern for your wellbeing. Our Ummah will not move forward unless we all consider ourselves directly responsible for each other’s happiness and well-being. Our prophet, peace and blessings upon him said:

{The Muslim to the Muslim is like a structure where each part supports the other}. (Muslim)

Allah, Ta'ala tells us: {The believers are brothers, so mend matters between your brothers and be conscious of Allah so you may do well}.

Al-Hujurat – verse 10

The messenger of Allah sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam has made this clearer when he said: *{The person who makes an effort to tend to his brother's need, Allah shall tend to his needs. and whoever saves a Muslim in a crisis, Allah shall save him from one of the crises of the day of judgement. And whoever covers the flaw of a Muslim, Allah shall overlook his shortcomings on the day of judgment}.*

(Muslim)

The messenger of Allah sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam also said: *{You shall not enter Paradise until you become faithful. And you shall not be faithful until you love one another}.* (Muslim)

The messenger Allah sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam said: {A man visited a brother (in faith) in another village. Allah placed at his friend's doorstep an angel waiting for him. When the man arrived, the angel asked him: where are you heading? He said: I am seeking a brother in this village. The angel asked: Is there some other business you are seeking to do other than that? He answered: No, it is just that I loved him for Allah. The angel said: I am Allah's messenger to you to let you know that Allah Has loved you just as you loved your brother in Allah}. (Muslim)

The messenger of Allah sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam said: {Allah Almighty said: "My love is assured for those who love each other for Me, who sit together for Me, who visit each other for Me, and who spend on each other for Me." Allah will say on the day of resurrection: Where are those who loved each other in My Majesty? Today, I shall give them my shade; this day there is no other shade except mine}. (Muslim)

The messenger of Allah sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam said: {There are seven whom Allah shall shade with His shade,} He named seven groups of people, amongst them he said: {two men who loved one another for Allah, they met, and they parted with Allah (in mind)}. (Muslim)

The Khalifa Omar, used to tell shoppers who buy meat in two consecutive days (during the famine): would you not give to your neighbor and your cousin instead of your stomach?

Right conditions of brotherhood

1) Being for the love of Allah. One should only love for Allah, hate for Allah, and support for Allah.

2) Advice: the messenger sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam said: *{being faithful is giving advice, for the love of Allah, His messenger and to the leaders in the nation and the general public}*.

Good features of Brotherhood

- a) Consoling others and giving preference to others over one's self. Allah says in His book: **{and they feed the food despite their love for it, to the poor, the orphan and the captive. We feed you for (the love of) Allah, we do not want reward or gratitude from you}**. Al-Insan – verse 8-9
 - b) Never shun your brother for more than three days.
- c) Avoid giving false praise to your brother. The messenger of Allah, sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam, heard a man excessively praising another, He said: *{you have destroyed the man and broke his back}*. (Muslim)
 - d) Listen to your brother when he speaks.
- e) Make prayers for your brother in his absence. Making Duaa for your brother is answered for sure. An angel is assigned at his head who answers: Aameen, and to you too (what you are asking for your brother).
- f) True brotherhood does not get stronger by contact nor gets weaker by staying apart. Some say when the hearts are close, no harm will come if the bodies are apart.
 - g) Be patient against harm if it comes from a brother.

WE ARE BROTHERS