

The Virtues of Old Age

Old Age is actually a very great bounty, blessing and favor given to us by **Allah** (God Almighty). In the life those of those who believe in the one true God of all mankind, the sole Creator and the sole God of Adam, Noah, Issac, Abraham, Ishmael, Jacob, Moses, John, Jesus and Muhammad, may Peace and Blessings be upon them and all the Messengers (Prophets) of God Almighty, who were followers of the right religion... **getting old means getting nearer to God.**

According to the blessed traditions that have been translated from the sayings "hadith" of the final Messenger of Allah, Muhammad, Peace and Blessing be upon him...

"When a true believer reaches 40 years of age such a person is protected against the diseases of leprosy and insanity. ...

When you are at 50 years of age then your accounting, reckoning (*hisab*) and judgement for your good or bad deeds in this life is made very simple and easy.

At 60 years of age Allah bestows the divine ability of "*ruju*", which means to abandon everything else and turn to God in obedience.

Upon reaching 70 years of age then the inmates of the heavens; all the angels and past Messengers (i.e. Prophets) are instilled by Allah to have genuine love for such a person.

When a believer reaches 80 years old then only their virtues and good deeds are recorded while any sins are forgiven.

At 90 years old, ALL the sins of such persons are forgiven and they are granted to intercede on behalf of their family members in the hereafter.

At this time they are awarded the title of "*Ameen-ullah and Aseer-ullati fil Ardhi*", meaning they are God's honored prisoner on this earth. When this extreme age of weakness is reached then according to the word of God and the final testament and book of revelation, the "*Qur'an*", the favor of "*Arthal-ul Umoor*" is bestowed upon the believer, which means, whatever good deeds the person had been doing in life and used to practice in their state of health, these good deeds are continuously recorded in the person's account and book of good deeds as if they are presently doing and practicing such deeds, even though they are not being practiced.

We should all ask Allah to strength us in our old age and save us from weakness and if we are young, we should recite the revelations of Allah, the *Qur'an* as much as possible in our youth because it strengthens the mind and heart and such a person will not become senile in old age.

Amen