

The rights of children over their parents

Children are an amanah, not an extension of a parent's pride. Their faith, safety, dignity, and time all carry rights.

CENTREPIECE Surah at-Tahrim 66:6, Sahih al-Bukhari 893

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Responsibility comes before authority

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that every person is a shepherd and every shepherd will be asked about the flock in their care (Bukhari 893). Parenthood gives authority, but it first creates accountability before Allah.

2. Teach with the life you live

Protecting a family from the Fire begins with worship that children can see, questions they are allowed to ask, and repentance they can witness when a parent is wrong. A command carries more weight when the home demonstrates it.

3. Dignity is one of their rights

Correction should not become humiliation. Do not compare siblings, mock a weakness, or make affection conditional on achievement. A child should know that the door home remains open while right and wrong remain clear.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to the rights of children over their parents.

Suggested closing: O Allah, protect our children, make faith beloved to them, and make us parents whose example brings them nearer to You.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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