

God's Friendship With Youth

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The Lord of Universe loves all His servants and in the Holy Quran, there are so many signs of this firm friendship, explaining clearly this reality. It speaks about God's friendship with good - doers, the patient, the just, the pious, the penitents, the trustees and the purified. But God has a peculiar interest and friendship towards the youth due to have a special rank in this world. Being young, God loves and honors them too.

Muhammad ibn Suliman on the authority of his father related that I was in the presence of Imam Sadiq (A.S.) that Abu Basir came in breathing deeply. When he sat in his place, the Imam (A.S.) said to him: "Why are you taking a deep breath?" He replied: "O son of the Messenger of God! My age has raised and my bones has broken and my death has arrived, but I don't know what will happen to my last destiny. The Imam (A.S.) said: "You are saying so like others?!" He said: "May I be your ransom! why I shouldn't say so."

The Imam (A.S.) said: "O Aba Muhammad! don't you know that the Almighty God honors you youth; whereas, He is ashmed of the old men."

He said: "May I be your ransom! how God honors youth and is ashmed of the old men?"

The Imam answered: "God will not punish youth for the respect of them, while, He is ashmed of the old men and does not reckon them. It is, therefore, for this reason that God raised all prophets to the prophethood in prime of their youth. Thus, it is for this friendship that all the paradical will be youth and also in the Last Day, the Quran will be shown in the form of a youth and the People of the Cave who were old men, but the Quran addresses them as a youth. And the Imam of time (may his advent be hastened) will be appeared in the figure of a youth and all his followers will be youth too and at last, the Death angel will come in the figure of a white youth.

Yes! it is extremely unfair to say that youth knows how God loves him so much and kind to him, but he, by committing sin before His creator closes for himself the way to mutual friendship.

