

## THEME 19 - RIGHTS OF YOUR NEIGHBOUR

### حقوق الجار

#### Learning objectives:

- To learn who is a neighbour.
- To appreciate the rights of neighbour.
- To learn how to build good relationship with ones neighbours.

#### In this theme, you will learn:

A neighbour is someone who lives next door or near to you. A neighbour is closer at the time of need than friends and relatives. You should respect your neighbours Muslims and non Muslims alike. It is important to share and give to your neighbours.

قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا  
وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ  
وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ﴾ [النساء: 36].

Allah ﷻ says: “Worship Allah and don’t associate anything with Him; be kind to parents, to relatives, to orphans, to the needy, to those neighbours you know well and those you don’t.” (4:36).

[1] عن ابن عمر قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «مَا زَالَ جِبْرِيلُ يُوصِينِي بِالْجَارِ حَتَّى ظَنَنْتُ أَنَّهُ سَيُورِثُهُ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

1. Ibn Umar رضي الله عنهما reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Jibril repeatedly advised me about caring for neighbours so much so that I thought he might give them a share in inheritance.”

[2] عن أبي ذر قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ، إِذَا طَبَخْتَ مَرَقَةً، فَأَكْثِرْ مَاءَهَا، وَتَعَاهَدْ جِيرَانَكَ» رواه مسلم.

2. Abu Dharr رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to me, “Abu Dharr, whenever you make soup, add plenty of water to it, and share it with your neighbours.”

[3] عن أبي هريرة أن النبي قَالَ: «وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ! قِيلَ: مَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: الَّذِي لَا يَأْمَنُ جَارَهُ بَوَائِقَهُ!» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

3. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, “By Allah, he is not a believer! By Allah, he is not a believer! By Allah, he is not a believer.” Someone asked, “Who is that, Messenger of Allah?” He said, “One whose neighbour does not feel safe from his evil.”

In another narration it is reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “If a neighbour is not safe from someone’s wrongful conduct then he will not enter Paradise.”

[4] عن أبي هريرة أن النبي قَالَ: «يَا نِسَاءَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ، لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ جَارَةً لِحَارَتِهَا وَلَوْ فَرِسَنَ شَاةً» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

4. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Muslim women, do not belittle any gift given to your neighbour even if it is soup of trotters (sheep).”

[5] عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله قَالَ: «لَا يَمْنَعُ جَارٌ جَارَهُ أَنْ يَغْرِزَ خَشَبَةً فِي جِدَارِهِ»، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ: مَا لِي أَرَاكُمْ عَنْهَا مُعْرِضِينَ! وَاللَّهِ لَأُرْمِينَ بِهَا بَيْنَ أَكْتَافِكُمْ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

5. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “A neighbour should not stop his neighbour from placing a peg in his wall.” Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه then addressing his audience said: “It is sad to see you turning away from this Prophetic Sunnah however; I will continue to teach it.”

COMMENTARY: The hadith teaches us about the importance of being kind and considerate to our neighbours. The Prophet said that a neighbour should not even prevent his neighbour from placing a peg in his wall. This means that we should be willing to help our neighbours out, even if it means giving them a little bit of our space.

[6] عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله قَالَ: «مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلَا يُؤْذِ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلْيُكْرِمْ صَيفَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلْيَتَّقْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لَيْسَ كُتٌ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

6. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “The person who believes in Allah and the last day should not harm his neighbour; and he who believes in Allah and the last day should care for his guest; and he who believes in Allah and the last day should be polite or remain silent.”

[7] عن عائشة قالت: قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ لِي جَارَيْنِ، فإِلَى أَيِّهِمَا أُهْدِي؟ قَالَ: «إِلَى أَقْرَبِهِمَا مِنْكَ بَابًا» رواه البخاري.

7. ‘Aisha رضي الله عنها reported: I said, “O Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, I have two neighbours, which one should I give a present to?” He صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, “To the one whose door is nearest to you.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith teaches us about the importance of prioritising our neighbours. The Prophet said that we should give a present to our neighbour whose door is nearest to us. This means that we should show more kindness and generosity to our closest neighbours.

### Activities:

- Design a poster showing how to respect your neighbour.
- Re-tell the story about the old woman who used to throw rubbish at the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.
- Design an invitation for your neighbour inviting them to a meal at your house.
- Make a list of all the neighbours you know.

**In this theme you have learnt:**

- Neighbours are the first point of contact in an emergency.
- Neighbours must be valued and visited if possible.
- When cooking, add more ingredients and share with your neighbours.
- You will not enter Paradise if you behave badly towards your neighbours.