

CHAPTER I

A. Background of Study

Al-Qur'an as the utterance of Allah revealed to the prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, as the life guidance to all peoples in the world especially for Moslems to arrange their lifestyle in order to live perfectly in the world and hereafter. The concepts which offered in Qur'an always suitable with the human problems on face, because Qur'an given by Allah to his messenger as dialogue book and guidance to solve every kinds of problem which are facing in this life¹.

To understand what is included in Qur'an, the interpreters interpret verse after verse due to Qur'an composition. But, in this next improvement, growing the other idea to express the guidance of Qur'an about some problem with collected verses from surah which talking at some topic, after that connected with another verse, till can took some conclusion about the problem with the Qur'an hint².

Al-Qur'an become *way of life* in the daily life of Muslims to accomplish all problems and difficulties. This is caused in the Qur'an there are many verses which talk about the concept of life. Such as the concept of manners, economy,

¹ M. Galib M, *Ahl Alkitab makna dan cakupannya*, (Jakarta : Paramadina, 1998), 1.

² M. Quraish Shihab. *Membumikan alqur'an, fungsi dan peran wahyu dalam kehidupan masyarakat*, (Bandung : Mizan, 1992), 114.

government, the relationship between human and god and also the relationship between human and human and so on.³

In the association of life society will never be separated with old people. Because basically human beings in wading stage of life is continues from the generation to the next. Because of that Islam arrange how must the young generation associate with older generation by politeness and respectful. Especially to older man who are closed with us that are mother and father.⁴ They are as an intermediary the presence of children in the world. More than that, they are who have full of affection and they care, raise, love, educate and fulfill our needs either by birth or inward.⁵ Because of that, both parents are firstly must be respected and don't any hurt them. And the good manner to them must be kept as well as possible. As we have known that there is no greater merit in this life than their merit to us.⁶

There are many verses that explain about the importance of doing kindness to parents. And one of the basic human to do kindness is surah *al-Ankabūt* verse 8

³ Sayyid Qutb, *Petunjuk Jalan*, terj. Abdul Hayyie al-Kattani, (Jakarta: Gema Insani Press, 2001), 27.

⁴ Ahmad Mudjab Mahalli, *Pembinaan Moral Di Mata al-Ghazali*, (Yogyakarta : BPF, 1984), 289

⁵ Muhammad Fatih Masrur dan Miftahul Asror, *Adab Silaturrahmi*, (Jombang : CV Artha Rivera, 2007), 149.

⁶ Ahmad Mudjab Mahalli, *Pembinaan..*, 290.

﴿ وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا ۖ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

We have charged the human to be kind to his parents. But if they bid you to associate with Me that which you have no knowledge, do not obey them. To Me you will return, and I shall inform you of all that you have done.”⁷

From the verse above, parents have high position in side of Allah and parents have a big influence to their children. Till the contentment and curse of Allah is depends on parents. As like prophet said:

رِضَى الرَّبِّ فِي رِضَى الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَ سُخْطُ الرَّبِّ فِي سُخْطِ الْوَالِدَيْنِ.

“The contentment of god depending on the contentment parents and the wrath of god is tied to the wrath of parents.”⁸

The hadith above express what a near the relationship Allah with parents. It so close till what will be given by Allah is depend on both parents. The mother is who have suffered for the sake of her son. She has struggled since its start in the womb until birth and maturity. The parent who so important also is father, he works with his endless sweat for the sake of the children future and financing his wife and children.

From the explanation above can be concluded that *devotion to parents* is obligation that can't be bargained by human being. And the parents place important position in this life after Allah and his prophet. Doing and talking to

⁷ Samir Alijehajic, *Qur'an Digital: Islam*. 7.02, 29:8.

⁸ Ibnu al-'Arābi al-Maliki, *al-Ahwadī bi sharhi al- Tirmīdhī*, (Beirut : Dar al-Kutub al-Miyāh, t.t), 173.

parents is blessed door or sorrow by their children. If the children do kindness as well as possible to parents, Allah will give blessing on child's life. And the contrary, if the children do badness to parents, Allah will not hesitate to complicate the way of life. Prophet Muhammad reminds us that the contentment and anger of Allah is located on parents. So, the obligation of children is doing kindness as well as possible to their parents.⁹

So, it is appropriately when god requires mankind in order to devote and respect to parents. And we have obligation also that must be fulfilled. They are moral and politeness to parents. If parents are still alive, children have obligation to do kindness to them as well as possible. And it is easy to do with a variety ways either by spatially moral or material affair. While doing kindness to the parents who have died can be applied and continued with praying for them and ask forgiveness of both parents to god and others.¹⁰

And along with the development of the times, it properly many changes on social life by a variety the development of technology that tends to make humans live in alienation. And the small example is the pattern of children' devotion to the parents nowadays that children are happier to interact with others by facebook, twitter, e-mail etc. whereas the importance of family is determined by good

⁹ Othman Shihab, *Pintu-pintu Kesalehan Perjalanan Ruhani Menggapai Kebahagiaan Sejati* (nn : Hikmah PT. Mizan Publika, 2007), 108-112.

¹⁰ As'ad Karim al-Faqi, *2. Naṣāiḥi lil abā'I Qobla 'Uqūqu al-Banā'*, (Jakarta: Gema Insani, 2002), 49.

communication between parents and children. And then more important is forming a good personality surroundings family and community.¹¹

If the growth and prosperity of family is done and paid attention, it would grow the welfare and harmony of family. If the family has established based on the strong religion, so the religion become important factor in family education. Which is nowadays less give education of religion to the children. Although the parents give complete facility to the children without the existence a strong basic of religion. It will give effect the lack of attention from both parents. Therefore many children become stress, frustrate and others that can destroy the children.¹² Not even a little child who become a drug addict and liquor.

And the reality, the phenomenon that occurs today, along with the development of times the devotion to parents almost lose and the behavior and attitude of children to parents increasingly often cynical. They don't want to kiss the hand of parents when they will go or others. Even smile to parents is very heavy to do. Moreover, talking and attitude of children as like knife which slice parents' heart. More than that, it is easy for children to command parents at will. There is no difference with servant. Whereas the power, sweat and their blood out to fight for the sake of children and family life. Even worse there are some children don't want to glorify their parents. When parents get older felt increasingly troublesome and disturb their activities and children don't want to

¹¹ Muhammad Arifudin, *Duhai Anakku* (Sidoarjo : Buana Pustaka, 2009), 1.

¹² Ibrahim al-Hazimiy, *Keutamaan Birrul Walidain*, (Jakarta Timur : Qitshi Press, 2004), 8.

take care of parents. At result, the parents sent to decrepit home. According to Abdullah Gymnastiar it is included in disgraceful attitude. So, it will be not surprised that Allah gives punishment to children who wronged their parents. Their life will be surrounded by suffering and God's anger.¹³

Nowadays, A variety of rebelliousness has done in many places with various forms and variations, it begin with the lightest rebelliousness that is say "ah" until the heaviest as like killing both parents for sake of getting what desired. It is so ironic that how many people who ignore and don't care their parents and do crimes to both parents. So it's rarely find the children who devote to both parents. Even there are some children don't hesitate to kill parents in many places for the sake of getting what they want and even caused by trivial things. It is so tragic and disgraceful. Whereas the crimes to both parents are big sin which is hated by Allah. Allah threaten to the children by giving heavy punishment either in the world or hereafter. And we must avoid liberal case which can destroy the pattern of family relations that attack to our generation nowadays throughout film impression, advertisement, mass media, internet and others which be able our generation can be contaminated by style pattern of non-Muslims and western culture which the children there treat elderly as like treat to their parents. And it is often the children influenced easily. So it can make them rebel the command of parents, impolite and do badness. And the lack of attention from parents also will help easily on children' deed to destroy Islamic family values.

¹³ Abdullah Gymnastiar, *Meraih Bening Hati Dengan Management Qalbu* (Jakarta : Gema Insani, tt), 171.

Whereas it's really the sacrifice of both parents are debt. Although it is redeemed by soul is seemly can't be paid. And then in the implication of doing kindness to both parents namely human must always obey and sincere in doing everything without accompanying with strings attached and feeling stubborn. Allah said in surah al-Isrā' verse 23:

﴿ وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ۝ ﴾

“Your Lord has ordered you to worship none except Him, and to be good to your parents. If either or both of them attain old age with you, do not say: "Fie on you", nor rebuke them, but speak to them with words of respect. (23)¹⁴

There are many things which cause rebelliousness of children to the parents that are because of influence wealth and position, because of descendant, because of own importance and because of influence in environmental life.¹⁵ And besides that are still many things which cause the lack of devotion to parents from the children.

Devotion to parents is obligation that must be paid attention. As child must keep both parents, guarantee their rights and fulfill their necessity appropriated with what explained by al-Qur'an and al-Sunnah. Islam so pay attention family affairs, more specialized to both parents, it is not only give

¹⁴ Samir Alijehajic, *Qur'an Digital Islam*, 17:23

¹⁵ Umar Hasyim, *Anak shaleh* (Surabaya : Bina Ilmu, 1980), 60.

commands and encouragement in order to do kindness and keep good relations but also plant and inspire to heart of children to both parents in forming “decision” from Allah which contain the meaning of really commands after the really commands to worship Allah.

Looking phenomenon above, it needs a discourse that give understanding about the essence and concept of *devotion to parents* that is to be an obligation of children to their parents. As like, that determined on Islamic law based on Al-Qur’an and Hadith. Therefore, in this thesis, the researcher would like to discuss deeply about devotion to parents which is listed in Al-Qur’an exactly in surah *al-Isrā’* verse 23-24 which is researched by *tahfīli*. So, the researcher give title thesis “**The Concept of *Devotion to Parents* in Al-Qur’an Surah *al-Isrā’* Verse 23 – 24.**” The researcher try to express a simple study which be able can help efforts of devotion to parents by hope can give positive contributions for Islamic people especially in family life.

B. Identification and Limitation of The Problem

From the analysis of the background above the main problem that has to be identified is the interpretation about *devotion to parents* in al-Qur’an by some interpreters which have different background by purposing in order this research can be made as a handle or reference in knowing the concept of *devotion to parents*.

Besides the main topic above, there are studies which are related in this main topic. So the studies which are identified in this thesis are: the meaning of *devotion to parents*, the position of *devotion to parents*, the excellence of *devotion to parents*, the punishment of rebelliousness to parents and the relevance with the condition of society nowadays.

Devotion to parents is very important for us and it is obligation to do it. Discourse about the *devotion to parents* in Al-Qur'an has many interpretations from interpreters. In this case, the researcher take some interpretation from some interpreters, they are Imām Jalālu al-Din al-Mahallī and Imām Jalālu al-Din as-Suyūṭi, Ibnu Kathīr, Ahmad Muṣṭafā Al-Marāghi, Sayyid Quṭb, Quraish Shihab, Abdul Karim Amrullah (HAMKA) and Hasbi Ash-Shiddiqie.

C. Statement of The Problem

From the limitation issue, the researcher tries to formulate the problems that will later be analyzed, namely:

1. How does the concept of *devotion to parents* in surah al-*Isrā'* verse 23-24 according to interpreters?
2. Is the interpretation of Interpreters is still relevant to nowadays society condition?

D. Objectives of Study

The general objectives of this study understanding the meaning of *devotion to parents* based on etymology and understanding the concept of

devotion to parents in the Al-Qur'an. And the detail objectives of this study such as list below:

1. To know the concept of *devotion to parents* in surah *al-Isrā'* verse 23-24 according to interpreters.
2. To know the interpretation of interpreters is still relevant to nowadays society condition or not.

E. Review of Literatures

In addition to scientific research, the researcher of this essay also has reviewed some thesis which deals with the same case in IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. In searching literature, the researcher did not meet yet the thesis that discusses about the concept of *devotion to parents* in Al-Qur'an surah *al-Isrā'* verse 23-24. Thus the researcher feels that this proposed title deserves to be followed up as a research thesis.

Before deciding to choose and do this research, the researcher has examined some previous researches that have same topic, but their focuses are different. Those researches are below:

- Thesis in IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya, *Studi Hadits Birul Walidain dalam Kitab Sunan Abu Dawud*. Written by Eni Kusri in 2000. Tafsir and Hadith Faculty. This thesis explains the *devotion to parents* in the book of *Sunan Abu Dawud*.

From literature above, it's so different because in this thesis the researcher will discuss about interpretation some interpreters about the *devotion to parents in Al-Qur'an surah al-Isrā' verse 23-24* therefore it using *Tahfili method*. So it is concluded that this research by title "The Concept of *devotion to parents* in Al-Quran surah *al-Isrā'* verse 23 – 24" is not done by any one. So, it can be sure that this study is relatively new.

F. Definition of Key Term

In order to make this study guided and compatibility, the researcher would like to confirm the concerning of the problem which will analyze such as list below:

Concept : General idea, forming of an idea in the mind, idea formed in mind¹⁶.

Devotion : Loyalty and love or care for someone or something

Parent : A person's father or mother.

Qur'an : The Islamic sacred book, believed to be the word of God as dictated to Muhammad by the archangel Gabriel and written down in Arabic. The Koran consists of 114 units of varying lengths, known as *surah*; the first surah is said as part of the ritual prayer. These touch upon all aspects of human existence, including matters of doctrine, social

¹⁶ Martin. H. Manser. *Oxford learner's pocket dictionary* (Oxford University Press, 1995), 81.

organization, and legislation. And we will get reward from Allah if we read it.¹⁷

G. Significance of Study

1. Theoretically

This research can enrich the corpus of scientific *Tafsir Hadith* through a broad understanding the concept of *devotion to parents* moreover can also give benefits for the development of similar research.

2. Practically

This research is expected to give motivation for the Islamic people and for the reader can figure out a broad understanding the concept of *devotion to parents*.

H. Method of Study

1. Model of Research

This research uses qualitative research, research method or *naturalistic inkuiri* or natural, perspective in to interpretative.¹⁸

Naturalistic inkuiri is the questions which appear from the researcher related with studies about problems which are be researched. *Perspective*

¹⁷ Depag RI, *Al-Qur'an dan Terjemahnya*, (Jakarta, Gema Risalah Press Bandung, 1992), 16.

¹⁸ Lexy. J Moloeng, *Metodologi Penelitian Kualitatif*, (Bandung: PT. Remaja Rosda Karya, 2002), 2.

inside is a theorem in finding special conclusion which is early gotten from general discourse. While *interpretative* is translation or interpretation which is done by the researcher in understanding purpose of a sentence, verse or statement.

2. Kind of Research

This research is kind of library research. It is related with collecting data, reading, writing and processing dates which has been related with the topic.¹⁹ It means trying to peel a conceptually of *devotion to parents* in Qur'an. And it can also be viewed as a procedure research that yields data descriptive in the form of written words or oral one of the people and behavior that can be observed directly.²⁰

3. Method of Research

For getting discourse about the meaning of *devotion to parents* in Al-Qur'an, it can also use the methods as follow:

- a. Descriptive, it is describing characteristically, untangle a thing according to what the presence or the composition which describe something. The description is used by the researcher in exposing the result of data which is gotten from library research.

¹⁹ Mestika Zed, *Metode Penelitian Kepustakaan* (Jakarta : Yayasan Obor Indonesia, 2004), p: 3.

²⁰ Noeng Muhajir, *Metodologi Penelitian Kualitatif* (Jakarta: Rakerasih, 1993), 51.

- b. Analytic (*Tahlilī*), it is interpretation of Quranic verses by exposing every aspect which is contained in verses that will be interpret.²¹

Throughout analytic method, usually interpreters expose the meaning which is contained in Al-Qur'an verse by verse and surah by surah appropriated with arrangement in the text. The mentioned description include variety aspect which is contained in verse al-Qur'an that be interpreted as like the meaning of vocabularies, the connotation of sentence, the background of getting verse, the connection with other verse either before or after *munāsabah*. And it is not left the given opinions which is related with the interpretation of the mentioned verse which is conveyed by prophet, *shahabat*, *tabi'in*, or the expert of *tafsīr*. This method is consist of two forms that are the form *bi al-ma'thūr*, namely the interpretation which will run away as long as there is *riwāyah*, and then the form *bi al-ra'yi*, namely the interpretation which will run away that is not depended on *riwāyah*.²² In the context of research here, because it will not interpret the whole of verses Qur'an, the method and style of *Tahlilī* is just used in the context as with the interpreters interpret verse of Qur'an which be made of studies theme on this research that is used in analyzing surah *al-Isrā'* verse 23-24.

²¹ Nasruddin Baidan, *Metodologi Penafsiran Al-Qur'an* (Yogyakarta: Pustaka Belaja, 1998), 31

²² *Ibid*, 55

4. Collecting of Data.

Collecting technic in this thesis is using documentation method. Looking for data related with cases as like note, book and the others. Throughout documentation method, it is gotten data related with research based on concept of writing framework which prepared before.

5. Data Processing.

- a. Editing, check again carefully the data which is gotten especially in side of completeness, clarity, suitability, relevance and diversity.
- b. Organizing data, arrange and outline data which is gotten in the framework of exposure that have be planned before.

6. Technic of data analysis.

In this research, the technic of data analysis uses approach in descriptive - analytic method that is expose data which is gotten from library research.²³

By this method would be described on the meaning of *devotion to parents*. So, it can be clearer and sharper in presenting the meaning of *devotion to parents* in the context of human life. Furthermore, after describing it then analyzed by involving the interpretation of some exegetes.

²³ Ibnu Hajar, *Dasar-dasar Metodologi Penelitian Kuantitatif Dalam Pendidikan* (Jakarta: PT Raja Grafindo Persada, 1999), 274.

7. Data Resources.

The data resources in this study are taken from review of literatures below:

- a. The Primer Data resources, is the information which is acquired in direct from research subject as source information searchable. The primary data in this thesis is Al-Qur'an related to the verses which implicitly contain the concept of *devotion to parents*.
- b. The secondary data resources, as the supplementary reference are:
 1. *Tafsīr Jalālain*, by Imām Jalālu al-Din al-Mahallī and Imām Jalālu al-Din al-Suyūṭī.
 2. *Tafsīr Ibnu Kathīr*, by Ibnu Kathīr.
 3. *Tafsīr al-Marāghī*, by Muṣṭafa Al-Marāghī.
 4. *Tafsīr Fī Zilāli al-Qur'an*, by Sayyid Quṭb.
 5. *Tafsir al-Misbah*, by M. Quraish Shihab.
 6. *Tafsir al-Azhar* by HAMKA.
 7. *Tafsir an-Nur*, by Tengku Muhammad Hasbi Ash-Shiddiqie.
 8. And the information which advocates and supports this research²⁴ and the researcher also use CD *Maktabah Syamilah* is used to facilitate

²⁴ Rianto adi, *Metodologi Penelitian Sosial dan Hukum* (Jakarta: Granit, 2004), 57.

finding the verses and the *hadīth*. To make easier in writing the verses of Qur'an and its English translation is utilizing Software *Qur'an Digital: Islam* by Samir Alijehajic. Besides that, *Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary* are utilized to know the lexical meaning of words.

I. OUTLINE OF STUDY

The outline of this study will be explained to the five chapters as follow:

Chapter I : Introduction

This Chapter contains a background of the study to introduce the problems that will be discussed. This chapter consists of: background of study, Identification of Problem, Statement of Problem, Objective of study, Review of Literatures, Definition of key term, Significance of study, The Method of study, and Outline of study

Chapter II : The Basic of Theory

This chapter consists of general review about *parents* and *devotion to parents*.

Chapter III : The Data Offered

This chapter contains of verses that related with *devotion to parents* with the interpretation.

Chapter IV : The analysis of the data.

This chapter contains about analyze of interpretation *devotion to parents* according to some interpreters and the Implication of interpretation for Islamic Family.

Chapter V : Conclusion.

This chapter contain conclusion of the study as the answer of the questions in the statement of the problem.

