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Hadith Lesson: Causes of Famine and Drought – Lunar and Solar Eclipse

As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

A‘ūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwālina wa l-Akḥirīn.

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

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Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

1- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَمْ يَمْنَعْ قَوْمٌ زَكَاةَ أَمْوَالِهِمْ إِلَّا مَنَعُوا الْقَطْرَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَلَوْلَا الْبَهَائِمُ لَمْ يُمَطَّرُوا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“A nation do not withhold the Zakah of their wealth, but rain will be withheld from the sky,”** if people do not pay their zakat, the rain will be withheld. **“And were it not for the animals, not a single drop of rain would fall on them.”** So all this rain is falling for the sake of animals, insects. Because people have no religion left, no īmān left and no shame left. Nothing is left. It’s normal that it doesn’t rain. For the sake of animals and insects, Allāh ﷻ is making it rain.

2- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَيْسَ السَّنَةُ بِأَنْ لَا تُمَطَّرُوا، وَلَكِنَّ السَّنَةَ بِأَنْ تُمَطَّرُوا وَتُمْطَرُوا؛ وَلَا تُنْتَبِئُ الْأَرْضُ شَيْئًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The occurrence of drought is not due to the cessation of rain.”** So they say there’s drought, but it’s not only when the rain stops. **“However, but it consists in your getting rain and getting more rain, like in years when there’s no drought, without the earth producing anything.”** So, it rains, but there will be no crops, no fruits or vegetables. This is by Allāh’s ﷻ power. He ﷻ is capable of that. He ﷻ gives something, insects or so. Even if it rains that year, there becomes drought.

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3- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ماسا ط الله القحط على قوم لا بتمر دهر على الله

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“If Allāh ﷻ inflicted a famine on a people, He ﷻ only inflicted it on them because of their pride, He ﷻ inflicted it because of their rebellion.”** The whole world has forgotten Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla now. They are opposing Him ﷻ. They are doing what their ego wants. Therefore, there is famine, drought and troubles everywhere. “Kaḥṭ” means all kinds of troubles not only famine.

4- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ما من ليل ولا نهار، إلا والسماء تمطر فيها، يصرفه الله حيث يشاء

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“There is no night or day except that the sky rains in it, and Allāh ﷻ directs it as He wills.”** So, when some people are asked, “How does rain happen?” “From heat, water evaporates, it turns into clouds and rains.” From one aspect, Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla created a system for dunyā. This can be valid. Allāh ﷻ certainly sends rain every 24 hours, but He ﷻ sends it wherever He ﷻ wills. He doesn’t send rain according to where you need it. He ﷻ might make it rain in the middle of the sea. He ﷻ might make it rain in the middle of the ocean. So people must know that it’s through du’a’. It rains all the time; our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said it in this ḥadīth sharīf. There is no place where it does not rain within 24 hours. So it will definitely rain somewhere. But where will it rain? And how will it rain? Only Allāh ﷻ knows. Therefore, through du’a’, by begging Allāh ﷻ, by obedience to Allāh ﷻ, barakah rain will come to you. It also comes with barakah; not anything else. Now when it rains, there becomes floods everywhere, people perish, houses become flooded. So there’s that too. There is the wisdom and grace of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla. We must ask for that, not just say “May it rain. May rain come after this heat today.” It may come, but as we said, “May it come with grace. May it come with barakah, in shā’a Llāh.” [that’s what you must ask for.]

5- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

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إِنَّ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ لَا يَنْكَسِفَانِ لِمَوْتِ أَحَدٍ وَلَا لِحَيَاتِهِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمَا آيَتَانِ مِنْ
آيَاتِ اللَّهِ، يَخَوِّفُ اللَّهُ بِهِمَا عِبَادَهُ، فَإِذَا رَأَيْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، فَصَلُّوا وَادْعُوا حَتَّى
يَنْكَشِفَ مَا بَكُمْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The sun and the moon do not become eclipsed for the death or birth of anyone.”** Neither the sun nor the moon become eclipsed for the death or birth of a person, says our Prophet ﷺ. **“But they are two of the signs of Allāh ﷻ with which He ﷻ strikes fear into His ﷻ slaves.”** So the eclipse of the sun and the moon are signs for reminding people of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla and making them fear Allāh ﷻ, says our Prophet ﷺ. **“If you see either of them being eclipsed, then pray and make du’a’ until the sky clears.”** So, when the sun is eclipsed, gather and pray Kusūf, the solar eclipse prayer. That of the moon is called Khusūf. One must perform them until the darkness clears. Praying these prayers and making du’a’ are sunnahs. Both sunnah and beneficial. There is a great benefit in them.

6- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إِنَّ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ إِذَا رَأَى أَحَدُهُمَا مِنْ عَظَمَةِ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا، حَادَ عَنْ مَجْرَاهُ
فَأَنْكَسَفَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When either the sun or the moon sees something so small from the greatness of Allāh ﷻ, they deviate from their course and become eclipsed.”** So, eclipse doesn’t happen every time. It happens sometimes. That is something of the greatness of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla. The sun and the moon are the creations of Allāh ﷻ. They are like humans. They know Allāh’s ﷻ greatness better than humans. This eclipse occurs because of Allāh’s ﷻ greatness.

7- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

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إِذَا كُسِفَتِ الشَّمْسُ فَصَلُّوا كَأَحَدِ صَلَاتِ صَلَاتِ تَمُوهَا مِنَ الْمَكْتُوبَةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When there is a solar or lunar eclipse happens, pray a prayer as your most recent obligatory prayer.”** Indeed, pray just as you prayed your last Fard prayer. Of course, those prayers are long. There are certain specifications for them. There are instructions on how to do them. Prayers are performed for a long time. Long surahs are recited. There are long prostrations and ruku’ performed. Then, in the remaining time, tasbihāt, tahlilāt are recited and du’ā’s are made.

8- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمْ آيَةً فَاسْجُدُوا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When you see a sign, then prostrate.”** When you see a great incident, something that demonstrates the greatness of Allāh ﷻ, prostrate, says our Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fi ma qal, aw kama qal.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ says the truth in what he ﷺ said or as he ﷺ said.



Ihda’ – Dedication:

Ziyadatan ila sharafi’ ‘n-Nabi, sallaLlahu `alayhi wa sallam wa Alihi wa Asahabihi l-kiram, wa ila arwahi jamee’i al Anbiya’i wa l-Mursalin wa Khudama’i sharai’ihim wa ila arwahi al ‘Aimmat al arba’a, wa ila arwahi Mashayyikhina fi t-Tariqati n-Naqshbandiyyati l-Aliyyah, khassatan Imamu t-Tariqah wa Ghawthu l-Khaliqah Khwaja Bahauddin Muhammad al-Uwaisiyi l-Bukhari, Sayyidina Abdul Khaliq al Ghujduwani, Mawlana Shaykh Sharafuddin al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Abdullah al Faiz al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil al Haqqani, wa sai’ri Sadatina wa s-Siddiqiyun, wa man nahnu fi hadratihim wa jiwarihim, for the souls of all our past ones, for the souls of all Shaheeds. For the souls of all Muslims and Muslimahs. For goodness to come and evil to be gone. Li-Llahi Ta’ala, Al-Fatiha.

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[(*Translation*) To the honor of the Prophet, Prayers and Peace be upon Him, and his family, and his companions, and the souls of all the prophets as well as of His messengers and of those who served their Sharia, and to the souls of the four Imams. And to the souls of our Mashayikh of the Most Distinguished Naqshbandi Tariqa, in particular to the soul of the Imam of the Tariqa Ghawth al-Khaliqa (the Help of Creation), Khwaja Bahauddin Muhammad al-Uwaisiyi l-Bukhari, Sayyidina Abdul Khaliq al Ghujduwani, Mawlana Shaykh Sharafuddin al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Abdullah al Faiz al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil al Haqqani, and the rest of our masters and Siddiqiyun, and to whom we are in their presence and near them, for the souls of all our past ones, for the souls of all Shaheeds. For the souls of all Muslims and Muslimahs. For goodness to come and evil to be gone. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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