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THE CURE FOR GAMBLING

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

A'udhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajim. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwalina wa l-Akhirin.

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Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالنَّقْوَىٰ ۖ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدُوانِ

‘Wa ta‘āwanū ‘ala l-birri wa t-taqwā wa la ta‘āwanū ‘ala l-lithmī wa l-‘udwān’, ‘And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.’ (Qur’ān 05:02). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-Azīm.

Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says, “Help in goodness. Do not help in evil.” Never help in evil! He ﷺ says. What does this mean? Some people come and say, “Please make du‘ā’. Our brother, son, husband, etc., are gambling.” What is the cure for gambling? Unfortunately, there is no cure for gambling. May Allāh ﷺ protect everyone from it. Once it’s ingrained, there’s no escape. But the cure is not giving them money. They say, “They’re crying, whining, begging insistently.” You won’t give them. No matter what they do, you mustn’t give them the money. Because you are helping them commit a sin, you are losing your own money, and you are causing them to sin. This is a great evil. They have ruined the Islamic world with this gambling issue. It’s popping up everywhere. Inside the house, outside the house. Shayṭān has become bizarre in the end of times.

Therefore, as we said, the cure is not giving them money, because when you give them money, you become a partner in that sin, an accomplice. You are helping them commit that sin. Then you defile clean money. Dirty money is circulating. From one person to another, it’s becoming ḥarām and evil everywhere. This is an important matter. “Sometimes it hurts.” Don’t feel hurt. You should pity those who sin. Don’t make them sin. You mustn’t feel pity then make them sin more. You must be careful about this. It won’t work only with du‘ā’ or so. It is such an affliction - may Allāh ﷺ protect us. It’s worse than anything else. People can repent from everything else, but once gambling afflicts you, it leaves you with nothing – no wealth, no possessions, no home; nothing remains.

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Therefore, be careful. As we said, this is more dangerous than anything else. So, watch out. Don't help those who do this. As we said, du'a' might work one in a billion times, but normally, there's no cure for gambling. That's the cure for it: "وَلَا تُؤْتُوا السُّفَهَاءَ "أَمْوَالَكُمْ", "Wa lā tu'utū s-Sufahā'a 'amwālakum", "And do not give the foolish your wealth", (Qur'ān 04:05). Allāh 'Azza wa-Jalla says. Șadaqa Llāhu l-'Azīm. Do not give your money to the Safīh (foolish). They are Safīh. Safīh means they are unreliable; you cannot vouch for anything they do! Therefore, do not disobey Allāh's ﷺ command! Obey Allāh's ﷺ command. Help them avoid sin, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷺ save them. May Allāh ﷺ keep us away from being afflicted by it.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfiq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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