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NEVER FORGET THE FAVOR AMONG YOU

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-Akḥbirin.

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūlLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fā’iz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

Ḥaqqāni. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam‘iyyah.

Shukr to Allāh ﷻ, with the barakah of Mawlānā Shaykh Nāẓim, the dergahs couldn’t accommodate all the people. It needs to be expanded as it’s not fitting them. May Allāh ﷻ make them even bigger. May more congregations and people benefit, in shā’a Llāh. Mawlānā Shaykh Nāẓim used to always say, “My intention.” He said, “My first intention is to destroy disbelief.” Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla gives according to the intention. Disbelief will be destroyed. In shā’a Llāh, it will be destroyed one day.

In the current situation, Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla has rewarded Mawlānā Shaykh Nāẓim according to his intention. And all the murīds benefit from that reward. The Shaykh doesn’t keep it for himself. He gives that reward to everyone. And it doesn’t diminish. It’s not like money. If you give something – if you have money, and you give to one person, it diminishes, and then to another, it diminishes even more. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla’s reward and thawāb is not like that. Whoever gives someone, both will earn the same reward.

Therefore, in the Khutbah, we read this Āyah Karīmah,

وَلَا تَنْسُوا الْفَضْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ

“Wa Lā Tansaw Al-Faḍla Baynakum”, “And do not forget graciousness between yourselves.” (Qur’ān 02:237). Do not forget kindness. Do not forget virtue. If someone among you does you a favor, do not forget it. Human beings, by Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla’s wisdom, have a wild nature. This wild nature needs to be cleansed and pruned, so that it becomes something beautiful. Another nature of humans is ingratitude. There is a lot of ingratitude in humankind. Only by disciplining, taming and pruning that a beautiful person emerges. That happens by following the way of the mashāyikh.

Therefore, don’t forget whoever has done you a favor. Remember him. And the greatest favor is to follow the way of Allāh ﷻ and our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. And that happens with a Murshid. Our Murshid is above our heads. Don’t forget his virtue. Sometimes people forget. Even if it’s just a friend, if someone invites you to a good gathering and you enter the way through them, be sure to remember it, don’t

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forget it. “Because of this person, I entered this way.” “But this man you say led you to this way has gone astray himself.” “Even if he went astray, I will still make du’ā’ that Allāh ﷻ guides him. Because he showed me this way. It’s by Allāh’s ﷻ decree that it wasn’t destined for him. He was the means; it was through him. He led me to the right way. Because he led me to the right way, because he put me on the right way, I will constantly make du’ā’ for him. May Allāh ﷻ guide him to this way again.” Otherwise, one says, “He is like this, he is like that”— Of course, people have many states. Therefore, one shouldn’t look at their states. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla is the one who commands us to do every good thing. “That man was the means of my guidance. I must not forget that.” Even if this poor man followed shayṭān and his ego, went astray, abandoned this way and turned against it, we must still make du’ā’ for him. We must never forget the person who led us to this way.

Also, if you brought someone to the right way, they are not your property. Don’t harm them either. You set him on the right way, and he’s following that way. He hasn’t strayed from it. You brought him here; you didn’t buy him! He didn’t become your slave! You brought him to the right way, and you receive the same reward as him. But if you act otherwise – you will still receive the reward, but you will also have sin. Because you are slandering this person, you are not thinking well of him, you are not thinking good things. Therefore, you must be careful about that too. Pay attention to both: the one who brought you and those you brought. It’s not a big deal if those you brought to the right way don’t continue on the way with you. As long as they are on the way of Allāh ﷻ, wherever they are, the fact that they’ve left the way of shayṭān is a great reward and virtue for you. As long as they don’t go to another way, your reward and thawāb is great. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla will give you the same reward and thawāb. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says in a ḥadīth sharīf, “Whoever guides a person to the right way will receive the same reward as that person.” If you guide two people, you will attain reward for those two people. Ten people, a thousand people, a hundred thousand people; you will attain reward and thawāb for all of them. But if you lead someone astray, if you show them the bad way and everyone does the same as you, then their sin will be on your shoulders.

Therefore, you must be careful. If someone enters that way and continues on the way of Allāh ﷻ, thank Allāh ﷻ and praise Allāh ﷻ. This is not a bad thing. They are going on that way, shukr to Allāh ﷻ. You must pay attention to this. Because shayṭān is trying so hard, thinking, “I can’t get them out of this way. But at least let’s reduce their rewards. Let’s make them enemies of each other. Let them not love each other. If they don’t love each other, Allāh ﷻ won’t be pleased with them. The Prophet won’t be pleased with them.” Don’t bother with that. Since they are on the way of Allāh ﷻ, let them go on the way of Allāh ﷻ. Don’t pay attention to them. Other people will come to

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you. Allāh ﷻ will grant you to receive even more reward and thawāb, in shā'a Llāh. Just because he left you doesn't mean your reward and thawāb have ended; it continues. May Allāh ﷻ grant us all goodness. May we recognize what is good. May we not be caught by our ego. May we not be caught by the desires of our ego. May Allāh ﷻ not separate us from the right way, in shā'a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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