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Hadīth Lesson: On Zakāt and Sadaqah

As-Salamu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

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

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salamu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwalīna wa l-Akhirīn.

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

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Nāzim al-Ḥaqqāni. Madad.

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

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

اتقيا أبا الوليد لا تأتي يوم القيامة ببعير تحمله على رقبتك له رغاء أو بقرة لها
خوار أو شاة لها نواح

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Fear Allāh ﷻ, O Abu L-Walid! Is that Zakat? Whoever takes something from the resources of the Zakat (unlawfully) will be carrying it on his neck on the Day of Resurrection; if it be a camel, it will be grunting; if a cow, it will be mooing; and if a sheep, it will be bleating.”** So, those who did not pay zakat will come before Him with cows or animals on their necks, bellowing. Therefore, our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, “Give it to them in this world.”

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

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

أرضوا مصدِّقِكُمْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Keep your Zakah collectors happy.”** The salary of the zakat collector comes from that. So, our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, “Make him happy. Give him his due.”

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

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

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إِنَّ رِجَالَ آيَتِ خَوْضُونَ فِي مَالِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ، فَلَهُمُ النَّارُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Men will unjustly acquire for themselves property which belongs to God. And on the day of resurrection they will go to hell.”** So, it’s something they are not entitled to. When zakat is given, people who spend that zakat on themselves or on places without right, they will be deserving of hell on the Day of Judgment because it is a trust.

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

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى لَمْ يَرْضَ بِحُكْمِ نَبِيِّ وَلَا غَيْرِهِ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ حَتَّى حَكَمَ هُوَ فِيهَا،
فَجَزَّأَهَا ثَمَانِيَةَ أَجْزَاءٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Allāh ﷻ is not pleased with a Prophet’s or anyone else’s decision about sadaqah till He ﷻ has given a decision about them Himself ﷻ. He ﷻ has divided those entitled to them into eight categories.”** So, Zakat is not just about gold and silver; Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla has divided it into eight categories, including crops, livestock, and so on. He ﷻ Himself has made Zakat obligatory, not the Prophet or anyone else. This is the decree of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla. He ﷻ is Ahkamu l-Hākimīn, and His ﷻ decree and justice cannot be challenged.

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

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

الْخَازِنُ الْمُسْلِمُ الْأَمِينُ الَّذِي يُعْطَى مَا أُمِرَ بِهِ كَامِلًا مَوْقَرًا طَيِّبًا بِهِ نَفْسُهُ، فَيَدْفَعُهُ
إِلَى الَّذِي أُمِرَ لَهُ بِهِ: أَحَدُ الْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The faithful Muslim storekeeper,”** When a Muslim is a treasurer, he becomes trustworthy. **“Who gives what he is commanded completely and in full with a good will, and delivers it to the one to whom he was told to give it, is one of the two who give sadaqah.”** So, this sadaqah is given

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by taking money and entrusting it to someone else with a willing heart. Now, some might find it hard in themselves saying, “How can we give away so much money?” The person who delivers it earns as much reward as the person who gives sadaqah or zakat.

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

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

إِذَا أَنْفَقَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ مِنْ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا غَيْرَ مُفْسِدَةٍ، كَانَ لَهَا أَجْرٌ مَا أَنْفَقَتْ، وَلِزَوْجِهَا
أَجْرٌ مَا اكْتَسَبَ، وَلِخَازِنِهِ مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ، لَا يَنْقُصُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَجْرَ بَعْضٍ شَيْئاً

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**When a woman spends (something as Sadaqa) out of the household of her husband without causing any damage, there is a reward for her.**” So, a woman who gives charity from her husband’s house without being wasteful, without ruining him, will receive the reward. “**Her husband will also receive the reward for earning the wealth.**” Similarly, he will also earn the same reward. “**There is also the reward for protecting and safeguarding the wealth.**” The person who receives zakat and charity and distributes it to others will also receive the same reward. So, our Prophet shallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, “**And for him too like it for whatever he earned, and for the wife because of her spending (for the sake of Allah), and for the trustee also (there is a reward like it), without any reduction from their rewards.**” They are all the same. But if it is given to one, it will not be diminished from the others. They all earn the same reward.

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

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

إِنَّمَا أَنَا مُبَلِّغٌ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي، وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا قَاسِمٌ وَاللَّهُ يُعْطِي

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**I am only a conveyor (of Allah’s message and commands) but it is Allah who gives guidance,**” Our Prophet shallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam conveys it. And the one who is granted guidance in return is from Allah ﷻ. “**And I am only a distributor (of knowledge/provision)**” Kāsīm means “the one who distributes.” “**But the true giver is Allah ﷻ.**” So when you give from your wealth, as our Prophet shallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, you are merely an intermediary. Allah ﷻ is the giver; He ﷻ has made you a means. And you have earned reward for it. So when you give, Allah ﷻ has granted you to do so. And you have earned rewards for goodness.

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

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

أنا أبو القاسم، الله يُعطي، وأنا أقسمُ

Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam name was Abu l-Qāsim. He ﷺ is saying, **“I am Abu l-Qāsim.”** Abu l-Qāsim means “The one who distributes.” He ﷺ says, **“Allah ﷻ gives the zakat and the wealth, and I distribute it among you.”**

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

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

ما أوتيكم من شيءٍ وما أمتنعكموه، إن أنا إلا خازنٌ أضعُ حيثُ أمرتُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“It is not on my own that I give you or withhold from you: I am merely a treasure, putting it where I have been commanded.”** Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam would keep nothing for himself. Nothing would remain by the next day; he ﷺ would distribute and give everything away.

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

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

العاملُ على الصدقةِ بالحقِّ: كالغازي في سبيلِ الله عزوجل حتى يرجع إلى بيته

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The official who collects sadaqa in a just manner is like him who fights in Allah’s path till he returns home.”** There used to be zakat collectors. Of course, that’s not the case anymore, but there are still people who receive the zakat and deliver it to those who deserve it. But in the past, there were zakat collectors. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam and then the Caliphs would tell, “You will go to this country as a zakat collector, collect the zakat and bring it back.” Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said that when a person sets out on that path, he earns the reward as if he has gone on jihad.

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

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

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الْمُتَعَدِّي فِي الصَّدَقَةِ كَمَا نَعِيهَا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**He who collects more sadaqah than is due is like him who refuses to pay it.**” So, the person who withholds zakat is considered the same as the one who does not give it, and thus shares in the sin.

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

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

لَا إِسْعَادَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ وَلَا شِغَارَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ وَلَا عَقْرَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ وَلَا جَلَبَ فِي
الْإِسْلَامِ وَلَا جَنْبَ وَمَنْ انْتَهَبَ فَلَيْسَ مِنَّا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**In Islam, there is no mourning, and giving a woman in marriage in return for another without dowry are not allowed in Islam, no sacrificing animals over graves in Islam. A collector of zakat must not demand and that animals be brought to him from a distance, and people must not remove their animals to a distance when they hear that the zakat collector is coming to them. There’s no taking zakat to the zakat official, no collecting all zakat in one place for a cattle dealer or official, and no looting, and he who plunders does not belong to us.**” Of course, these things are for zakat; everything has its own principles and etiquette. Therefore, these things, starting with mourning, are not good in Islam, nor is sacrificing animals over graves. There are proper procedures for everything.

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

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

لَا جَلَبَ وَلَا جَنْبَ وَلَا شِغَارَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, “**In Islam, zakat goods mustn’t be brought to the zakat collector,**” they call it “Jalab.” “**There is no gathering of all the goods for the collector to take.**” Of course, nobody does that anymore. Those are old practices. Now, everyone is paying their zakat. Those who pay, pay it. And those who don’t pay it, may Allah ﷻ grant them mind and understanding, insha’Allah.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fi ma qal, aw kama qal.

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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 'Aimmati 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. To the souls of all our ancestors. To the souls of all Shaheeds. For happiness here and hereafter. Li-Llahi Ta'ala, Al-Fatiha.

[(*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. To the souls of all our ancestors. To the souls of all Shaheeds. For happiness here and hereafter. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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