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GARDENS OF PARADISE IN DUNYĀ

As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātub.

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

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

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, 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.

Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, “When you pass by the gardens of Paradise, then enter and benefit from their bounties.” When the companions asked, “What kind of gardens of Paradise are these? How can there be gardens of Paradise in dunyā?” He ﷺ replied: “They are the assemblies of knowledge. Whoever visits a place where knowledge is taught enters a garden of Paradise.” However, one must be careful about where true and correct knowledge can be found. There is much that appears to be knowledge but has nothing to do with it, which people have simply made up themselves. They may say, “We teach from the Qur’ān.” But Qur’ān ‘Aẓīmu sh-Sha’n cannot be understood at all without the Sunnah and the ḥadīths. The ḥadīths of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam explain the Qur’ān. They point out its commandments and make clear what is permitted and what is forbidden.

The most important thing for a believer is to follow the way of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. Emulating his ﷺ example and practicing his ﷺ Sunnah in the best possible way is essential for every believer, Muslim, and people of ṭarīqah. Everyone should do as much as is within their power. And what one cannot manage, Allāh ﷻ forgives. As long as it is not a Fard, omitting the Sunnah or other voluntary prayers entails neither a sin nor a punishment. However, if one omits a Fard, this incurs a punishment and one must absolutely make up for it. It is, however, highly meritorious to perform the Sunnah as well as the voluntary and recommended acts of worship. These are precisely the gardens of Paradise in dunyā of which our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said: “Enjoy their bounties.” The more you benefit from this, learn, and remain consistent, the greater your share of this spiritual nourishment. This gives a person both spiritual and physical strength. When spirituality grows, the body also becomes stronger, which benefits one in dunyā and in the Hereafter.

May Allāh ﷻ grant us blessed circles of knowledge. For the people who follow this way—the path of our Prophet ﷺ—are known as Ahlu s-Sunnah wal-Jamā’ah. All others, meaning those who do not accept the way of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam, do not count as part of the Ahlu s-Sunnah wal-Jamā’ah. Even if they call themselves

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that, in truth, they have nothing to do with it. The only right way is the way of our Prophet ﷺ. Following this way leads to salvation. May Allāh keep us all steadfast on this way, in shā'a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiha.

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