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BEWARE OF LAZINESS

As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

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

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwalina wa l-Akbirin.

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūlilLāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah al-Fā‘iz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqāni. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam‘iyyah.

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

وَقُلْ اَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ

‘Wa-quli ‘malū fa-sa-yarā llāhu ‘amalakum‘ ‘And say, Do, for Allāh ﷻ will see your deeds.’ (Qur’ān 09:105). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-‘Aẓīm. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says, “Do not be idle.” Work, and Allāh ﷻ will see what you work. Laziness is an undesirable trait. The prophets, mashāyikh, and companions were constantly in service. They worked continuously to serve people and Muslims. That is, both to earn their livelihood and to serve Islām. Therefore, there is no place for laziness. Laziness is not in their nature. The work of the prophets, companions, and ‘awliyā’ is continuous service. Throughout their lives, they serve as much as they can; they want to benefit people even after they are gone.

There are many examples, many scholars. In the past, people lived for a maximum of forty or fifty years. However, the service they rendered in those forty or fifty years of life, a normal person could not accomplish in two hundred years. So how is this possible? Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla bestowed karāmah upon them and ensured that people were served through them.

Therefore, laziness is not in their nature. A lazy person benefits neither himself nor others. And when a person is idle, doing nothing, shayṭān attacks him even more. Through trickery, he says, “What will you do? Do this, do that,” and leads him into sin. If a person works, at least shayṭān doesn’t have the opportunity to do so.

Therefore, in another āyah, it is said, “{8} وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ {7}”, “Fa’idhā Faraghta Fānṣab (7) Wa ’Ilā Rabbika Fārghab”, “So when you have finished (from your occupation), then stand up for Allāh’s worship (i.e. stand up for prayer) (07) And to your Lord (Alone) turn (all your intentions and hopes and) your invocations.” (Qur’ān 94:07-08). “When you finish one task, immediately begin another.” This means, to do this in whether it is prayer or worldly affairs. Anyways, all of them, if done for the sake of Allāh ﷻ, will be recorded as reward for you. If the things you strive for are for the

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sake of Allāh ﷻ, with the intention of “I will earn my livelihood, and I will help people,” then all of these will be recorded as good deeds and rewards for you. May Allāh ﷻ not make us among the lazy. Because wasting life is isrāf (wasteful), and Allāh ﷻ does not love isrāf. May Allāh ﷻ give us all strength and not make us playthings of shayṭān, in shā’a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfiq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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