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Hadīth Lesson: The Best of Sadaqah

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

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

أفضل الصدقة في رمضان

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous charity is the one given in the month of Ramaḍān.”** Charity, which is rewarded tenfold, can increase to seven hundredfold during Ramaḍān. Therefore, while it’s necessary to give charity at all times, dedicating zakāt for Ramaḍān is much better for a person.

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

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

أفضل الصَّدَقَةِ اللِّسَانُ، قالوا: وما صدقة اللِّسَانِ؟ قال: الشَّفَاعَةُ، يُفَكُّ بِهَا
الْأَسِيرُ، وَيُحَقَّنُ بِهَا الدَّمُ، وَيُجْرَبُ بِهَا الْمَعْرُوفُ وَالْإِحْسَانُ إِلَى أَخِيكَ، وَتُدْفَعُ
عَنْهُ الْكَرِيهَةُ

A man asked the Prophet, “What’s the best charity?” **“The best charity is that which is given with the tongue,”** says our Prophet sallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. The Companions asked this, “What is the sadaqah of the tongue?” When asked, our Prophet sallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said: **“It is intercession.”** So being an intercessor for a person, protecting him, saying, “I vouch for him. He’s a good person.” It is the charity of the tongue, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ. So saving a person from bad things, bad situations, and bad states, is like speaking nicely about that person and making others forgive him. **“This way you save a prisoner.”** You can also save captives by talking good of them. **“You prevent bloodshed.”** Again, by giving advice and talking to a person, that becomes

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a charity for you. Sometimes things get worse and sometimes there are fights leading to bloodshed. Preventing it would be a charity of the tongue. **“You will be a means in bringing goodness and beneficence to your Muslim brother. You will repel any evil that may happen to him,”** says Prophet ﷺ ‘alayhi wa-sallam. Whatever the means is in doing goodness in return for this person, whether it is because he needs it or because he wants help or you’re making him stay away from something bad, it is all charity, these are the charity of the tongue. So, it puts people in good states. Through them evil stays away.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ أَنْ تُشْبِعَ كَبِدًا جَائِعًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous act of charity is to feed a hungry creature.”** The hungry one; from people, animals, all kinds of things. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla and our Holy Prophet ﷺ do not say that about mankind only. Feeding the hungry is the most virtuous charity. Whether it is a person, an animal or a thing, feeding him is the most virtuous charity. It is acceptable in the sight of Allāh ﷻ.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ إِصْلَاحُ ذَاتِ الْبَيْنِ

There are many types of charity. Our Prophet ﷺ ‘alayhi wa-sallam explains them. **“The most virtuous and best form of charity is to make peace between two people.”** So reforming among disgruntled people and solving their problems is also a great charity.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ حِفْظُ اللِّسَانِ

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“The most virtuous and best charity is to preserve the tongue.”** So, it is not about oppressing people with one’s tongue, but about preserving one’s tongue and saying good.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ جُهْدٌ مِنْ مُقِلٍّ إِلَى فَقِيرٍ فِي السِّرِّ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous and best sadaqah are those given to the poor from secret pockets and by those who have little wealth.”** So it is more virtuous to give sadaqah to the poor in secret. Even if a person has little wealth, the one who gives sadaqah as much as his means allow is more virtuous than the normal person giving.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ الْمُنْحَةُ؛ أَنْ يَمْنَحَ أَخَاهُ دِرَاهِمَ، أَوْ ظَهَرَ الدَّابَّةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous form of charity is to lend or donate a dirham or a ride on an animal.”** So, giving money for the transportation of a person from one place to another or giving them an animal are among the most virtuous charities.

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

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

أَفْضَلُ النَّاسِ رَجُلٌ يُعْطِي جُهْدَهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous person is the one who makes his best to give from his little wealth.”** So he who works hard and from that gives charity is the best of people.

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

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

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خَيْرُ الصَّدَقَةِ مَا كَانَ عَنْ ظَهْرِ غِنًى، وَابْدَأْ بِمَنْ تَعُولُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The best kind of charity is that given when one is wealthy. Begin by first providing for those whom you are obligated to support their needs.”** A wealthy person who gives charity will find goodness in it. They should start by giving to their family, then their relatives, and then to those closest to them.

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

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

خَيْرُ الصَّدَقَةِ عَنْ ظَهْرِ غِنًى، وَالْيَدُ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْيَدِ السُّفْلَى، وَابْدَأْ بِمَنْ تَعُولُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The best kind of charity is that which is given when you are rich, and the upper hand (which gives) is better than the lower hand (which takes), and start with those for whom you are responsible.”**

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

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

خَيْرُ الصَّدَقَةِ الْمُنِيحَةُ، تَغْدُو بِأَجْرٍ، وَتَرَوْحُ بِأَجْرٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The best charity is the loan of a milk-producing animal. It goes with good deeds and returns with good deeds.”** Of course in the past, most people used to raise animals. They had different principles. For example, one lends sheep and goats. “Keep it for 1-2 months. Take its milk; and benefit from its milk.” It is also one of the best sadaqah. When it leaves, reward is written for you; and when it comes, reward is written for you.

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

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

لَيْسَ صَدَقَةً أَكْبَرُ أَجْرًا مِنْ مَاءٍ

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“There is no charity that has more reward than giving water to a thirsty person.”** Our Prophet ﷺ says that the greatest charity is water. It is the most virtuous for the thirsty person.

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

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

ما صدقة أفضل من ذكر الله تعالى

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“No charity is more virtuous than the remembrance of Allāh ﷻ.”** Remembering Allāh ﷻ is also charity. Making Dhikr of Allāh ﷻ is one of the greatest sadaqah.

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

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

ما من صدقة أفضل من قول

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“No charity is more virtuous than words spoken to alleviate someone’s distress.”** Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says that if a person is in trouble, is in a difficult situation when no one helps him and there is no help for him even verbally. If a person does him good and saves him, he will have committed a great charity.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fi ma qal, aw kama qal.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ says the truth in what he ﷺ said or as he ﷺ said.



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[(*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. For goodness to come and evil to be warded off. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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