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Hadīth Lesson: On Accepting What's Given and Begging

As-Salamu 'Alaykum wa RahmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

A'ūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Rahmāni r-Rahīm.

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salamu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwālina wa l-Akhirin.

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

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

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

إِذَا أُعْطِيَ شَيْئًا مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ تَسْأَلَ، فَكُلْ وَتَصَدَّقْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When you are given anything without your asking for it, (then accept it), eat it and give it in charity.”** So do not refuse what is given. Once something comes to you without you having requested or begged for it, it is halal for you; you may eat from it, give from it as charity, or give from it as a gift.

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

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

مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ مِنْ هَذَا الْمَالِ مِنْ غَيْرِ مَسْأَلَةٍ وَلَا إِشْرَافٍ فَخُذْهُ فَمَوَّلَهُ أَوْ تَصَدَّقْ بِهِ وَمَا لَا فَلَا تُتْبِعْهُ نَفْسَكَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Whatever Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, gives you of this wealth without you asking for it or hoping or it, take it and keep it, or give it in charity, and whatever. He does not give you then do not hope for it or wish for it.”** This is a sustenance given by Allāh ﷻ; You have received a gift from somewhere or something else, money or something else - If it comes to your hand without you asking for it, that is, without saying “I’ll take that”, “Use it as you use your wealth,” says our Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam. But do not be tempted by things that are not so; Do not covet someone else’s wealth.

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

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

مَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ هَذَا الْمَالِ شَيْئًا مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ فَلْيَقْبَلْهُ، فَإِنَّمَا هُوَ رِزْقٌ سَاقَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“Whoever Allāh ﷻ gives wealth to, without asking for it, should accept it.”** There is no need to ask too much “What is it and what is not?”; Since this money has come to you, “Accept it,” says our Prophet sallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. **“Because this is a sustenance sent to him by Allāh ﷻ.”** It is also a provision of Allāh ﷻ; there was a means so that this sustenance came to you. So, there is no need to think much; Don’t say “I won’t take it, I won’t so-and-so.” Take it, use it, give alms; you can do anything with it.

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

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

مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ مِنْ أَمْوَالِ السُّلْطَانِ مِنْ غَيْرِ مَسْأَلَةٍ وَلَا إِشْرَافٍ فَكُلْهُ وَتَمَوَّلْهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“If Allāh ﷻ gives you from the sultan’s wealth without you asking or coveting it, take it, eat it and make it among your wealth.”** So you received something from the state; Of course, there is no sultan now, but the state sometimes gives bonuses to people. They also ask: “What are we going to do with it? Should we take it or not?” Since it came without you asking for it, “Take it,” says our Prophet sallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. Use it as your own, eat it and own it. But when you stand up and say “I want this! Give it to me too, this one took this, this one took that!” That’s another matter; this is wrong. When Allāh ﷻ sends it, take it; But when one gets up and raises a fuss and says, “I want this and that!” That, is of course not acceptable. It won’t be of any benefit anyways.

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

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

إِنَّ هَذَا الْمَالَ خَضِرَةٌ حُلْوَةٌ، فَمَنْ أَخَذَهُ بِحَقِّهِ بُورِكَ لَهُ فِيهِ، وَمَنْ أَخَذَهُ بِإِشْرَافٍ نَفْسٍ لَمْ يُبَارَكْ لَهُ فِيهِ، وَكَانَ كَالَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَلَا يَشْبَعُ، وَالْيَدُ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ يَدِ السُّفْلَى

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“This wealth”** all kinds of wealth; gold, money, **“is attractive and sweet.”** Everyone wants from it; it’s attractive and sweet. **“Whoever takes it without insisting, it will be of Barakah for him,”** so if it’s Halal then it will be of Barakah for him. **“And whoever takes it with avarice, it will not be of barakah for him.”** So if you act impudently and take that property by force, it will not be of barakah. If it is not of barakah, it is of no use. **“He is like one who eats and is not satisfied.”** You know, when some people eat and eat but don’t get full, they say, “He eats until he explodes”; This is what a person who covets someone else’s wealth is like. **“And the upper hand is better than the lower hand.”**

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

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

الْأَيْدِي ثَلَاثَةٌ: فَيَدُ اللَّهِ الْعُلْيَا، وَيَدُ الْمُعْطَى الَّتِي تَلِيهَا، وَيَدُ السَّائِلِ السُّفْلَى، فَأَعْطِ
الْفَضْلَ وَلَا تَعْجِزْ عَنْ نَفْسِكَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Hands are of three types: Allah’s Hand is the upper one;”** The most superior hand is the Hand of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla. **“It is the superior hand that gives.”** Everything comes from the Hand of Allāh ﷻ; In truth, He ﷻ is the Most Superior. After that, you are a means. **“The bestower’s hand is the one near it;”** so this is the second hand, the hand that gives is the superior hand. **“The beggar’s hand is the lower one. So bestow what is surplus, and do not submit yourself to the demand of your ego.”** If you have excess wealth, you can give sadaqah; Do not give in to your ego and say, “I will not give,” says our Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam.

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

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

يَدُ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِنْ يَدِ السُّفْلَى، وَابْدَأْ بِمَنْ تَعُولُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The upper hand is better than the lower hand,”** the giving hand is always superior to the receiving hand. **“And start with those for whom you are responsible.”** If you are going to give something, start with your family, your relatives, and your neighbors; our Prophet ﷺ salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, “Give to them first; start with them.”

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

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

إِذَا تَأْتَاكُمْ السَّائِلُ فَضَعُوا فِي يَدَيْهِ وَلَوْ ظِلْفًا مُحَرَّقًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When a beggar comes to you asking for something, place something in their hand—even if it is merely a scorched animal hoof or a trotter; do not turn them away empty-handed.”** People will beg if they choose to—that is their own affair—but the teaching is that if one comes to you, you should not send them away empty-handed. Mawlānā Shaykh Nāẓim too, would constantly say: “Give them something; do not turn them away empty-handed.” Indeed, our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam instructs us to give, even if it is the smallest thing. Sometimes a beggar might like what is offered or they might not—that does not matter; do your best not to turn them away empty-handed, regardless of whether they are pleased with it or not.

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

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

إِذَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ السَّائِلُ بِغَيْرِ إِذْنٍ فَلَا تُطْعِمُوهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When a beggar enters you without permission, do not feed him.”** There is etiquette and principles for everything. The brothers should definitely know this. There is adab and principles for everything. If you are going to come, if you are going to enter, you will ask for permission. When permission is not given, you will not raise hell or bang on doors. If they didn’t give permission, they didn’t. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, “Do not feed them” about those who enter without permission.

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

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

إِذَا رَدَدْتَ عَلَى السَّائِلِ ثَلَاثًا فَلَمْ يَذْهَبْ فَلَا بَأْسَ أَنْ تَزُبُّهُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“If you turn away a beggar who asks for something from you by giving an excuse three times and saying that you cannot give him something, and he does not go, there is no harm in scolding him.”** So

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these situations can also happen. The religion of Islām and the path shown by our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam are very beautiful. The man has no means, he is not available. “I can’t give you,” he says, but the other one insists on him. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, “If he does not leave after saying it three times, you can fire him by saying ‘go away’.” So, not everything happens to your order, not as the rude person without adab wants; There is adab and principles for everything.

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

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

أَعْطُوا السَّائِلَ وَإِنْ جَاءَ عَلَى فَرَسٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Give the beggar what he wants, even if he comes on a horse.”** So give something; Even if he comes by horse or car, give him something. Whether he likes it or not; it’s his issue.

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

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يُبْغِضُ السَّائِلَ الْمُلْحِفَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla does not like a beggar who asks persistently.”** Most of the time beggars insist like that; You chase them away, they don’t go away, they stay stuck. Allāh ﷻ does not love them.

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

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

ثَلَاثُ أَقْسِمٍ عَلَيَّ: مَا نَقَصَ مَالٌ قُطْ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ فَتَصَدَّقُوا، وَلَا عَفَارِجُلُ عَنْ مَظْلَمَةٍ ظَلَمَهَا إِلَّا زَادَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِهَا عِزًّا فَأَعْفُوا يَزِدْكُمْ اللَّهُ عِزًّا، وَلَا فَتَحَ رَجُلٌ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بَابَ مَسْأَلَةٍ يَسْأَلُ النَّاسَ إِلَّا فَتَحَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ بَابَ فَقْرٍ

This is also a matter of great importance. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says: **“I swear to the truth of three things.”** This is a solemn oath taken by our

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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. For the souls of all Muslims and believers. For the souls of all martyrs. For goodness to come and evil to be warded off. 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. For the souls of all Muslims and believers. For the souls of all martyrs. For goodness to come and evil to be warded off. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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