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FROM RICH TO BAREFOOT

As-Salāmu ʻAlaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.
Aʻūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.
Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ʻalá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Akhirīn.
Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā, Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fāʼiz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jamʻiyyah.

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm,

ذَرْهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا وَيُلْهِهِمُ الْأَمَلُ

"Dharhum Ya'kulū Wa Yatamatta`ū Wa Yulhihimu Al-'Amalu", "So let them eat and enjoy themselves and be diverted by false hope." (Qur'ān 15:03). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-ʻAẓīm. Allāh ʻAzza wa-Jalla says, leave these people to eat, play, dance, in dunyā and collect money. This is a [false] hope that they'll be happy. This is what we see in this world now. Everybody is only looking for dunyā: how can I make my myself happy? With money, with gold, with car, with woman, with anything. People are just thinking about this. Especially in this country; it is more. Why? Because they have money, and they think it is happiness. In reality, it is not happiness. They are still looking: "How can we be happier? If we buy a more expensive house, or buy a more expensive car, more expensive shoes, dress, food." This is only what they think about.

This is nothing of how a human being must be. Because Allāh ﷻ gave human beings a brain to think, to know the good from the bad. Animals don't know what is good. They only look for what they can eat; nothing else. But human beings must be more than this. Human beings must know. 'أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا', 'Afaḥasibtum ʻAnnamā Khalaqnākum `Abathāan', 'Then did you think that We created you uselessly?' (Qur'ān 23:115). We didn't create you for this: for playing, for looking after yourself to make your ego happy, to be a slave for your ego and what the ego wants you to do. No, Allāh ʻAzza wa-Jalla did not create you for this. He ﷻ created you for happiness. And He ﷻ told about happiness. 'وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَىٰ دَارِ السَّلَامِ', 'Wa-Llāhu yadʻū ilá dāri s-salām', 'And Allāh invites to the Home of Peace (i.e. Paradise).' (Qur'ān 10:25). Allāh ﷻ is calling people to happiness, to the House of Peace. Peace meaning happiness; not like the "Peace" they talk about in this world; saying "Peace." Many people speak about peace, but they are not doing something to get this peace. If you do what Allāh ﷻ wants, you will become happy, and you will be in peace.

But if you're looking after this dunyā, saying "If we buy this we'll be happier," no, this never ends. As much as you give your ego it wants more. There's no end for the ego's wants. It only wants to take more and more and more. And it also wants another thing: it wants nobody to be like it. Because when it sees another, it says, "I must quickly make something better. I must get this. This man, this woman got this, I have money, I have everything, so I must be unique. Now nobody can reach this." Many times I've seen this. When I went the first time to Paris, we went to this very expensive shop. And they showed me some goods, small, small goods and also big. But the prices: I've never heard about such a price for something. So I said that these people like to come here to buy this, because other people cannot buy them; only they can buy them. And it is not useful at all. It is just to say, "I bought from this shop, it was the expensive shop. And ordinary people" - of course, poor people can't buy from it - "but ordinary people also cannot buy from this. Oh I am very happy! My ego, oh my ego, are you happy?" "No you must buy more! You must find something more expensive than this, and try to buy it. Go search for more expensive. Give more money for this [uselessness]." If for the sake of Allāh ﷻ, not giving one penny. But for the sake of the ego they're giving everything. These days, people are like this. They're following their ego too much. But if they get free from the ego, they will be happy. They will attain real happiness then.

Many Awliyā'u Llāh were in this wrong way, after that Allāh ﷻ gave them hidāyah and became great Awliyā'u Llāh. One of them which I remember is named Bishr al-Hāfi. We visited him in Baghdad last year. He was young. His family were very rich. And he had a friend, a bad friend - This is the worst thing for you to have. Everybody must be careful from the bad friend. Don't be with them. Give them advice if they listen, okay. If not listening, don't go near them. - So he had a bad friend. And with money, he could do anything, going, drinking. So once he went drinking. When he came back to his house, he slept. One holy man came to him knocking on his door. The servant opened the door. He said, "Tell your master to leave this bad friend, bad road, and come to Allāh ﷻ." The servant went inside and told him. He said, "Who said this?" He said, "A holy man was knocking on the door and said that." He quickly went running after him. This man told him again, "Don't be with this bad friend." So he repented and asked for Tawbah, and he came back to praying. After a little while, this shayṭān friend came back to him and slowly, slowly he was drinking and going with his bad friend again. So once he was drinking. After that, when he went out to the street, he found one paper written on it the name of Allāh ﷻ. It was raining, so it was muddy. So he took it and cleaned it very much, put it on his head, then put good perfume on it and hung it in his room. That night, a holy man saw in his dream an addressing from Allāh ﷻ. "Allāh ﷻ is saying, tell this young man: he made My Name up, I forgive him and make him up also. In My Divine Presence, he's high, in a high position." So he went and told him about this. He began to cry, to cry too much. After that he said, "From the minute you told me this from Allāh ﷻ, I will be

like this. I will not take anything with me, and I will go for Allāh ﷻ only." So he left everything and went without shoes. Hāfi (barefoot) means without shoes; that's how he got his name. He was his whole life without shoes because he said, "The day I reconciled with Allāh ﷻ, I was bare-footed and now I feel shy to wear shoes." So he left everything and got happiness. He became a Sultan of Ākhirah. His grave, mazār, Kabr sharīf is in Baghdad. He brought thousands of students to be in the way of Prophet ṣallá Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam, in ṭarīqah, in sharī'ah, giving them hidāyah. This is what we are trying to do.

AlhamduliLlah here also - of course it is the most expensive place in the world. AlhamduliLlah in shā'a Llāh, these people, you, your children and others must not look for this. They mustn't say, "Oh, this was for my father, this was for my mother, this was our land, this was not our land." No, this is not important. What's important is that you have the most precious thing: being a precious one in the Divine Presence of Allāh 'Azza wa-Jalla. **"إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِندَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ"**, 'Inna 'Akramakum Inda Allāhi 'Atqākum', 'Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you.' (Qur'ān 49:13). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-'Aẓīm. The precious one, the most acceptable one in Divine Presence of Allāh ﷻ, is the one who's the most with Him ﷻ, obeys Him ﷻ, loves His ﷺ Prophet ṣallá Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam, love the ṣaḥābah, love Ahlu l-Bayt, love the Mashāyikh, love the Mu'minīn. This is a very precious thing. Not this. I've never seen in our country such a richness, dunyā richness like that here. Maybe not even anywhere in the world. But this has no value at all. Mawlānā Shaykh used to say many things that made people laugh and think. All this big building, what happened to it? Its owner just died. Take this man who died, pass him in the elevator where nobody will see him. Cover him with something so that nobody sees him. Quickly take him away from here to not make these people who are after dunyā see him and take lesson from this. The owner of this whole big building died. What was the benefit from this? Did he attain any benefit? His big building, great money, great treasure: Can it give him more life? No. This is finished, everything is finished. That time, no voice, no breath, no anything. Finish. All this is finished.

So this city is a very good example for mu'mins, for believers to not be looking after dunyā. Not making people think, "Oh we are happy with this dunyā." Don't be happy. Be happy with ākhirah, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷻ bless you. May Allāh ﷻ keep you safe. May Allāh ﷻ keep all of us safe. You must use dunyā for ākhirah. If you use it for ākhirah, you send all this building for ākhirah. If not, you will leave it here and others will take it. Just as you had it, others will also have it. May Allāh ﷻ keep us safe, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷻ give us [wealth] to help others, to serve Islām, in shā'a Llāh. If not, there's no need, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷻ make us reach Sayyidina al-Mahdi 'alayhi s-salam. You will see the richness that time. This is nothing compared to the richness of the time of Sayyidina Al-Mahdi 'alayhi s-salām.

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Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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