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RESPECTING AHLU L-BAYT

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.

AlhamduliLlah, we are thanking Allāh ﷻ for this meeting with Ahlu I-Bayt. They are barakah for every place they are in. And, AlhamduliLlah, even though it is not a Muslim country, they are letting Muslims do their Islamic practices very easily here. Especially this: Naqabat al-Ashraf, meaning those who register Ahlu I-Bayt. Even in many Muslim countries, they don't have this, or many of them cancelled this. You cannot find such an association. It is very important. In the last state of Islām, the Ottomans, it was very important for them: this Naqabat al-Ashraf. The head of it is called Naqīb al-Ashraf, the head of Ashraf, who are Ahlu I-Bayt. They had a special situation in this Islamic State for the sake of Prophet ﷺ, for the love of Prophet ﷺ, to praise Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. There was respect; they were very respectful of Ahlu I-Bayt. Because of this, Allāh ﷻ was helping them all the time. Allāh ﷻ is happy with them, and Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam is happy with them, because they are respecting them for the sake of Prophet ﷺ. Allāh ﷻ says about Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, **"وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ"**, 'Wa-mā arsalnāka illā raḥmatan li-l-ʻālamīn, 'And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.' (Qur'ān 21:107). Allāh ﷻ sent Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam to save people, as a mercy for people.

So whoever has good knowledge and good understanding respects anyone who belongs to Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. For this, the Ottomans were the last state of Islām. After them, there is no Islamic state. Now none of them are. We have cut it off and said there is no state of Islām. It was only at that time, more than a hundred years ago. After this, nobody is showing respect. They are not even respecting Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. Because of this, in the time of the Ottomans, they had a special status. They even had their own court. They had their own jail; they didn't interfere with Ahlu I-Bayt because they would do among themselves what was necessary if any wrong happened. So their judge was from among them. And they judged and did what they had to do. Not with ordinary people; they were separate from ordinary people. This was out of respect for Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam.

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The Ottomans were the supporters and defenders of Islām, for Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, rāyatu l-Islām (flag of Islām). What is the true Islām? To follow Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, respect Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, respect his ﷺ four Khalifahs, his ﷺ Ṣaḥābah and Ahlu I-Bayt. Of course, the ṣaḥābah and the Ahlu I-Bayt. The ṣaḥābah also have many different levels: first is Ashara al-Mubasharah (the Ten Promised Paradise), and the As'habu Badr, and As'habu Uhud. All of these, their rank is higher than others. And the highest after them is Ahlu I-Bayt. They are the highest rank. Because of this, they were looking carefully at who was coming from Ahlu I-Bayt when a new baby was born. They were registering them so they would not be mixed with others. Because many people are claiming to be Ahlu I-Bayt. They are cursed if they don't have proof. Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam says, "Whoever says, "I am from this line and from that line," and they are not truthful, they are cursed ones." For this, they were carefully registered and known. But now, in Allāh's ﷻ wisdom, it is like this.

When Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salam comes, many things will appear: what is right and what is wrong. Many things people thought were right are wrong. Many things are wrong that people say are right. This is for religion or even for common things as well. People don't know many things about what happened before in history, which at that time will appear from Sayyidina ʻAdam ʻalayhi s-salām until now: how many nations came, how many prophets came, how many different people were here and there, everywhere; which prophet, which Awliyā'u Llāh. In the time of Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salam, everything will be clear. For this, Mawlānā Shaykh is saying, when Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salām comes, he is Mujtahid Mutlaq. Only his ijtihad will appear. So we will follow him, all of us. At that time, you can no longer say, "I am Hanafi, I am Shafiʻi." What Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salām says, you will follow him. Ṭarīqahs will also follow him, all of them. All will unite under one man, Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salam, as in the time of Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. In the time of Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, everyone followed Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. It will be like this: everything clear, nothing else. Not any other kind of thing in religion: it will be only Islām, only Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salam. For this, inshaʻAllah, at that time the real and the false ones will appear. May Allāh ﷻ keep us with the real ones, inshaʻAllah. May Allāh ﷻ bless you. May Allāh ﷻ bless Ahlu I-Bayt here and everywhere, inshaʻAllah, and keep them safe. Many Ahlu I-Bayt from the beginning are Ahlu I-ʻIbtilā' (people of trials): they have suffered to raise their station higher. Even Sayyidina Hassan and Hussein became shahīd. Since that time, they have been suffering. So may Allāh ﷻ keep us safe, and keep them safe inshaʻAllah, to reach Sayyidina Mahdi ʻalayhi s-salam.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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