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A VISIT TO MAKKAH AND MADĪNAH

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.

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ بَيْتٍ وُضِعَ لِلنَّاسِ لَلَّذِي بِبَكَّةَ

"Inna 'Awwala Baytin Wuđi`a Lilnnāsi Lalladhī Bibakkata", "Indeed, the first House [of worship] established for mankind was that at Makkah." (Qur'an 03:96). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-ʻAẓīm.

Allāh ʻAzza wa-Jalla established His ﷻ House, Al-Ka'ba al-Mu'azzama, as the very first place of worship on earth. It is a blessed place there, and one may visit it at any time. But of course, Ḥajj is important. Those who are able to do it must do it. Those unable may still visit. There are three specific mosques mentioned by our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam that are worthy of visitation: Al-Ka'aba, Al-Madina al-Munawwara, and Quds al-Sharīf.

May Allāh ﷻ grant us the opportunity, in shā'a Llāh. Today, our intention for this journey is, first and foremost, to visit our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, to stay there for a few days, and subsequently to perform the Umrah at the Ka'aba, before returning safely, in shā'a Llāh. Ultimately, it is a matter of divine providence (qismet). In shā'a Llāh, it is granted to us as well. Many of the brothers have also found the means and set aside the time for this; we did not force anyone to come saying "Come!", yet they desired it from their hearts. Most of them have already arrived there—we are the last to go probably. May Allāh ﷻ accept their visits, and may He ﷻ grant the opportunity to those who were unable to make the journey, in shā'a Llāh.

For the greatest aspiration of a Muslim is to travel there, to visit those sacred lands, and to attain the intercession—for intercession is the ultimate blessing. Our deepest longing is the love for our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam; it is through him ﷺ that we attain salvation. Without that love—even if one were to perform Ḥajj a thousand times—it would hold no true benefit or value. Therefore, in shā'a Llāh may our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam accept us, and may he overlook the shortcomings in our visit.

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Our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam overlooks the shortcomings; he ﷺ is a mercy to his ﷺ ummah.

So, we set out with hearts at ease, joy and full of gratitude to Allāh ﷻ, in shā'a Llāh. May it be granted to everyone, and may it be granted to us again and again, in shā'a Llāh. May it lead to much goodness. May the hardships faced by the ummah be lifted, and may their faith and their love for our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam increase. The troubles of this world are truly insignificant; the real hardship arises only if one fails to show reverence, respect, and love toward our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. May Allāh ﷻ grant His ﷻ aid and bestow guidance.

Shayṭān approaches Muslims from this angle, "He was just a human being like you, and he has passed away; he can no longer be of any benefit to you." In truth, it is the one who utters such words who will find no benefit. Shukr to Allāh ﷻ, the greatest benefit for us is that Allāh ﷻ has placed us upon this path and filled our hearts with love for our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam. May Allāh ﷻ increase this—may He ﷻ ever increase our love. May this journey be of barakah, and may those who could not go this time be able to go in the future, in shā'a Llāh. May they perform Ḥajj, may they perform Umrah, and may they visit our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam, in shā'a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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