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Ḥadīth Lesson: On Begging and Asking

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1- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَيسَ المسكينُ الَّذي يَطوفُ علَى النَّاسِ تردُّهُ اللُّقمةُ واللُّقمتانِ، والتَّمرةُ والتَّمرتانِ، ولَكِنِ المسكينُ الَّذي لا يجدُ غنيا يُغنيهِ، ولا يُفطَنُ فيتصدَّقُ علَيهِ ولا يقومُ فيسألُ النَّاسَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"The poor man (miskin) is not the one who goes round to people and is dismissed with one or two morsels, and one or two dates, but is he who does not get enough to satisfy him, is not taken notice of so that alms may be given him, yet does not get up and beg from people."** In Turkish, the word "miskin" carries a negative connotation, yet in its true sense, it refers to someone who is destitute. A "miskin" is not someone who asks for—and receives—money, dates, or other provisions. Rather, a "miskin" is a person who, despite being in need, does not ask others for help; they are someone who conceals their poverty, such that no one even knows they are poor.

2- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ʻalayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

من استعَفَّ أعفَّه اللهُ، ومن استغنى أغناه اللهُ، ومن سأل الناسَ وله عدلُ خمسِ أواقٍ، فقد سأل إلحافًا

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Whoever wants to refrain from asking, Allah will help him to refrain."** If one desires to be chaste, pure, and to remain distant from evil and forbidden things, Allāh ﷻ will make that person chaste. No one can do anything to them. **"Whoever wants to be independent of means, Allah will make him independent."** If a person does not beg from others, Allāh ﷻ will make him rich. **"If any of you begs when he has five Uqiyas or its equivalent, he has begged immoderately."** If someone has money but still begs, they take on the status of a beggar.

3- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

افتح رجلٌ بابَ عَطيَّةٍ بصدَقَةٍ أوْ صِلَةٍ، إلَّا زادَهُ اللهُ تعالى بها كثرَةً، وما فتح رجلٌ بابَ مسألَةٍ، يريدُ بها كثرَةً، إلَّا زادَهُ اللهُ تعالى بها قلَّةً

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **"Whoever opens a door to give alms or to care for relatives, Allāh ﷻ will surely increase his wealth even more."** Allāh ﷻ increases the wealth of a person who gives alms and takes care of his relatives; Allāh ﷻ gives him barakah. **"Whoever opens the door to begging in order to accumulate wealth, Allāh ﷻ will definitely reduce his wealth further."** So if a person made a habit of accumulating wealth; asking people for money or goods even though he doesn't need them, Allāh ﷻ will reduce his wealth even more, and he will have no barakah left.

4- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ملعونٌ مَن سأَلَ بوجهِ اللهِ وملعونٌ مَن سُئِلَ بوجهِ اللهِ ثمَّ منَع سائلَه ما لم يُسأَلْ هُجرًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **"He who begs by mentioning the name of Allah is cursed."** So, the person who begs by saying "Give for the sake of Allah" is cursed. So, if you want something, do not put the name of Allah in that. **"The person who is asked for something that is not a sin for the sake of Allah and does not give it is also cursed."** A person who can give but does not give something that is not a sin, when asked for the sake of Allah, is also cursed. But anything that is a sin mustn't be asked or done. One shouldn't do that.

5- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَن استعاذَ باللهِ فأَعيذُوه، ومَن سألَكم بوَجهِ اللهِ فأَعطُوه

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **"If anyone asks (you) for refuge for the sake of Allah, give him refuge;"** So for the sake of Allah, protect the person who wants to be protected as much as you can. **"And if anyone asks you (for something) for the pleasure of Allah, give him."**

6- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

من استعاذ بالله فأعيذوه، ومن سأل بالله فأعطوه، ومن دعاكم فأجيبوه، ومن صنع إليكم معروفًا فكافئوه، فإلم تجدوا ما تكافئونه فادعوا له حتى تروا أنكم قد كافأتموه

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **"If anyone seeks protection in Allah's name, grant him protection;"** If anything happens, try to protect him as best you can. **"If anyone begs in Allah's name, give him something;"** He says, "Give to those who ask for the sake of Allah, even if it is a little; whenever they ask for the sake of Allah." **"If anyone gives you an invitation, accept it; and if anyone does you a kindness, recompense him;"** If he gave a gift or did a favor, reward him and recompense him; Don't let it go unanswered. It's nice to reciprocate by giving a gift. **"But if you have not the means to do so,"** —suppose someone has given you a gift, but you don't have the means. You simply can't afford to do the same in return —**"Pray for him until you feel that you have compensated him."** So make good du'ā' for them.

7- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَنْ أَصابَتْهُ فَاقَةٌ فَأَنزلَها بِالناسِ، لمْ تُسَدَّ فَاقَتُهُ، ومَنْ أنزلَها باللهِ، أوْشَكَ اللهُ لهُ بِالغِنَى، إِمَّا بِمَوْتٍ عَاجِلٍ، أوْ غِنًى عَاجِلٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"If one who is afflicted with poverty refers it to me, his poverty will not be brought to an end;"** If one asks people when there is a problem, that problem will not be solved. So don't ask people. **"But if one refers it to Allah, He will soon give him sufficiency, either by a speedy death or by a sufficiency which comes later."** So if he presents his situation to Allāh ﷻ, Allāh ﷻ will surely relieve his distress.

8- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَن سَألَ النَّاسَ أموالَهم تكَثُّرًا فإنَّما يَسألُ جَمرَ جهنم فليَستَقِلَّ منه أو ليَستَكثِرْ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Whoever begs from people so as to accumulate more riches,"** He has wealth, but he still asks people to increase his wealth and money. **"He is asking for alive coal from hell,"** So if he does that, he is definitely asking for the coals of hell. **"Then let him either reduce it or increase it."** So, as much as he wants from that coal; Whether he asks less from people, or more, or more.

9- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَن سَألَ من غيرِ فَقرٍ، فكأنَّما يأكُلُ الجَمرَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"One who begs without being in need is like someone consuming burning embers."** So, to prevent people from becoming accustomed to this harmful habit - aid is provided when there is a genuine need; however, asking for help when there is no such need is detrimental—both in this world and in the hereafter.

10- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَن سُئِلَ باللهِ فأعطى كُتِبَ له سَبعونَ حَسَنةً

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Whoever asks for something in the name of Allah and gives it, seventy thawab will be recorded for him."** So when someone

says "Give me for the sake of Allah", and you give him, you will receive seventy rewards.

11- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

مَن تَكفَّلَ لِي أنْ لا يسأَلَ الناسَ شيئًا، أتكفَّلُ له بالجَنَّةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"If anyone guarantees me that he will not beg from people, I will guarantee him Paradise."** If one does not ask for anything from anyone, our Prophet ṣallá Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam guarantees him heaven. May Allāh ﷻ not make anyone in need, insha'Allah.

12- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

هديَّةُ اللهِ تعالى إلى المؤمنِ السَّائلُ على بابِهِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Allah's gift to the believer: is a beggar who is in need and asks for something from his wealth at his door."** So this is a blessing from Allāh ﷻ that someone wants (is asking) from you; Allāh ﷻ did not put you in that situation.

13- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لا تَسأَلِ الناسَ شيئًا، ولا سَوْطَكَ، وإن سقط منك، حتى تنزلَ إليه فتأخذَه

This is a beautiful ḥadīth. Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Don't ask people for anything."** Let alone begging; **"Not even for your whip when you drop it. You must dismount and get it yourself."** So don't even ask anyone for that stick, stave or whip that fell on the ground. Not needing anyone is the best thing. May Allāh ﷻ not make anyone in need insha'Allah. So other than begging, do not ask anything from anyone, thinking that they may serve you.

14- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷻ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لا يُسْأَلُ بوجهِ اللهِ إلا الجنةُ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Nothing but paradise must be begged for God's sake."** Money is not asked for in the name of Allah. Make du'ā', "For the sake of Allah, Allah grant us paradise."

15- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إنَّ المسألةَ لا تحل إلَّا لثلاثةٍ لذي فقرٍ مُدْقِعٍ أو لذي غُرمٍ مفظعٍ أو لذي دمٍ مُوجعٍ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"Begging is right only for three people: one who is seriously in debt,"** An incident happened, a man was killed. One may ask for a hundred thousand, a million, a hundred million, whatever he has to pay for it. Because if he does not pay the diya, he must be killed in retaliation. They may ask for money to pay the diya. **"One who is responsible for compensation and finds it difficult to pay, or one who is in grinding poverty."** A person who is in great debt or is in very bad poverty and does not even have a bite to eat; It is permissible to ask money to these three people.

16- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ما الذي يُعطى مِن سَعةٍ بأعظَمَ أجرًا مِنَ الذي يَقبَلُ إذا كان مُحتاجًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"The person who is well-off and gives is not superior in reward to the person who is in need and accepts and receives what is given."** So, if a very poor person is given money and accepts it, he will gain as much reward as the giver.

17- ***Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam***
The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ما المُعطى من سَعةٍ بأفضلَ من الآخِذِ إذا كان مُحتاجًا

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **"The person who is well off and gives to those in need is not better than the person who is in need and takes."** This is God's will; The needy person who is in a very difficult situation and the person who helps him/her will both gain the same reward.

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. To the souls of all shahids. For happiness here and hereafter. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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