

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

LESSONS FROM AHÂDEETH SHAREEF

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COMMENTARY ON

40 AHÂDEETH | ARBA'EEN | OF IMAAM NAWAWI رحمه الله عليه

WITH EMPHASIS ON PERFECTING ONE'S CHARACTER

| LESSON FIVE |

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ ،
وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ ،
وَنَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily all praise is for Allah, we praise Him and seek His aid and ask for His forgiveness and we believe in Him and we place our trust upon Him, and we seek refuge with Allah from the evils of ourselves and our evil actions. Whomsoever Allah guides there is none who can misguide him, and whomsoever Allah misguides there is none who can guide him, and we bear witness that none has the right to be worshiped except Allah alone, having no partner, and we bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ ، وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

Allahumma Salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammad Wa'ala Aali Sayyidina Muhammadin Wa Baarik Wa Sallim | Oh Allah shower blessings and peace upon our Master Muhammad Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam and upon the family of Muhammad Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam

| HADITH 4 |

DEEDS ARE BY THEIR FINAL ACTIONS

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَهُوَ الصَّادِقُ الْمَصْدُوقُ -: "إِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ يُجْمَعُ خَلْقُهُ فِي بَطْنِ أُمِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْمًا نُطْفَةً، ثُمَّ يَكُونُ عَلَقَةً مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ، ثُمَّ يَكُونُ مُضْغَةً مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ، ثُمَّ يُرْسَلُ إِلَيْهِ الْمَلَكُ فَيَنْفُخُ فِيهِ الرُّوحَ، وَيُؤَمِّرُ بِأَرْبَعِ كَلِمَاتٍ: بِكُتُبِ رِزْقِهِ، وَأَجَلِهِ، وَعَمَلِهِ، وَشَقِيٍّ أَمْ سَعِيدٍ؛ فَوَاللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُهُ إِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ حَتَّى مَا يَكُونُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَهَا إِلَّا ذِرَاعٌ فَيَسْبِقُ عَلَيْهِ الْكِتَابُ فَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ النَّارِ فَيَدْخُلُهَا. وَإِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ النَّارِ حَتَّى مَا يَكُونُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَهَا إِلَّا ذِرَاعٌ فَيَسْبِقُ عَلَيْهِ الْكِتَابُ فَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ فَيَدْخُلُهَا

[رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ] ، [رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Masood *Radiallahu Anhu* narrates : that Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam*, the truthful, the believed, said :

“The creation of any one of you is gathered in the womb of his mother for forty days as a drop (*نُطْفَةٌ nutfah*), then later a blood clot (*عَلَقَةٌ alaqah*) for the like of that (*for 40 days*), then later a morsel of flesh (*مُضْغَةٌ mudghah*) for the like of that (*40 days*). Then the angel is sent to him and breathes the Ruh (spirit) into him, and he is commanded with four words : with writing his provision ; his life-span ; his action ; and whether he is fortunate or unfortunate. By Allah the One other than Whom there is no god, one of you will do the actions of people of Jannah until there is only a ‘cubit’ between him and it, then the decree will overtake him, he will do the actions of the people of the fire and thus enter it. Verily, one of you will do the actions of the people of the Fire until there only remains a cubit between him and it, then the decree will overtake him, he will do the actions of the people of Jannah and so enter it”.

[Saheeh Buhkaari] [Saheeh Muslim]

| BRIEF EXPLANTION |



- This Hadith discusses the three stages of human foetal development, ie : ‘from a drop of sperm till the Ruh (life) is blown into the foetus’.

- The first stage of development, is when the drop is deposited into the ovum, and remains as a liquid (نُطْفَةٌ *nutfah*) for 40 days. During the next stage, a further 40 days, it then transforms into a clot of congealed blood (عَلَقَةٌ *alaqah*). And finally, in the next period of 40 days it becomes an embryonic lump (مُضْغَةٌ *mudghah*). At this ending stage, life is then put into the foetus.

- This Hadith then discusses the decree of each child with regard to it's :

(1) Sustenance (Rizq) ; (2) Action ('Amal) ; (3) Life-span (Ajal) ; (4) Success or failure (Shaqiyyun or Saeed) in the Hereafter

| SOME IMPORTANT LESSONS DERIVED FROM THIS HADITH |



(1) Meditation upon one's origin.

(2) No person can claim with certainty that he/she is a *Jannati* (destined for paradise), nor be over-confident and boast over his/her righteous deeds and actions, because their 'end condition' is not known, ie : whether the person will die on Imaan or not.

(3) Actions are dependant upon the end conditions, which is termed as 'Al Khaatamah' (a good ending).

(4) A Muslim should not relax, but strive in doing good deeds till the very last moments of his/her life.