

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 THIRTEEN |

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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 12 |

LEAVING THAT WHICH DOES NOT CONCERN ONE

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

: مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ

حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ، رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ [رقم: 2318] ، ابن ماجه [رقم: 3976]

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah *Radiallahu Anhu* narrates that : Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said :

“Part of the perfection [excellence] of a person's Islam is that he leaves what does not concern him.”

[*At-Tirmidhi*]



| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

This Hadith highlights the importance of refraining from all those words or deeds that do not concern oneself. A person should refrain from vain talk and futile actions. He should avoid irrelevant questions, unimportant discussions, and refrain from expressing his own opinions regarding any matters of Deen. Instead, he should make use of his time correctly and spend his efforts and energy in those matters which are beneficial to him.

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah *Radiallahu Anhu* mentioned in a narration : **“The people with the most wrong actions are those who speak most about what does not concern them.”**

Hazrat Luqmaan Alayhis Salaam was asked, how did he achieve a high rank ... He mentioned : “Speaking the truth, fulfilling a trust and abandoning all those things that did not concern him.”

A person should hence ponder over the fact that death awaits him, and he will be questioned for every word that he spoke and for every action that he did. Perhaps he will be asked : **“Why did you utter that statement?”** ... **“Was it necessary or futile?”** ... **“Did it benefit you in anyway?”** ... **“Would it have harmed you if you did not speak or utter those words?”** ... **“Had you remained silent, would you not have been kept safe from any effects or consequences of that statement?”** ... **“Why did you not in place of that statement, recite Zikrullah [*SubhaanAllah, Alhumdulilah, La ilaaha ilAllah*] in that time that you wasted?”** ...

Hence, the *Salaf-e-Sauliheen*, like Hasan Basri *Rahmatullah Alayh* used to say : “We met such pious people who were more concerned about valuing their time, just like how you are concerned about gathering your Dinars and Dirhams ...”

We have learnt in this Hadith, that, the perfection [kamaal] of the Islam of any person, lies in the retainment of all types of futility.