

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 FOURTEEN |

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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 13 |

LOVE FOR YOUR BROTHER THAT WHICH YOU LOVE
FOR YOURSELF

عَنْ أَبِي حَمَزَةَ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ خَادِمِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَنْ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
"قَالَ: "لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ

[رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ] ، [وَمُسْلِمٌ]

Hazrat Abi Hamzah Anas bin Maalik *Radiallahu Anhu*, the attendant [khaadim] of Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* narrates that Nabi *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said :

“None of you [truly] believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.”

[*Saheeh Buhkaari*] [*Saheeh Muslim*]



| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

In this Hadith we have been taught that loving good for our Muslim brothers and sisters is an essential part of our Imaan.

A persons Imaan is deficient if he does not have the quality of compassion and love for his Muslim brother, ie: he does not love for his Muslim brother what he loves for himself.

A Muslim community is built upon love and compassion for its members. Each and every person should care for and help one another and treat others in the same way that they would want to be treated.

For this to be possible, one has to have a clean and sound heart. A heart that is filled with humility, mercy, empathy and compassion, and not one that is filled with jealousy, selfishness and envy.

One should treat others how one desires to be treated, kindly from others. One should look for excuses to forgive his Muslim brother. He should not belittle his Muslim brother. If he makes a mistake, then he should overlook that mistake. Treat him in the best of manners, with kind words, compassion and love. Just as he loves good for himself, he loves good for his Muslim brother. In a similar vein, whatever he dislikes for himself he should dislike for his Muslim brother. Hence, he should enjoin good and forbid evil. If he see's some defect in his Muslim brother, he should exert himself in a very diplomatic way, to put that right.

Hence, one has to have a vey sincere heart, that is free from malice and envy. An envious person would not like his Muslim brother to excel him in good fortune.

The Salaf-e-Sauliheen and Sahaabah Radiallahu Anhum would give preference over themselves to their Muslim brothers.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr bin al-As Radiallahu Anhuma reported that Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said :

مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يُزْحَرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَيَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَلْتُدْرِكْهُ مَمِيَّتُهُ وَهُوَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَيَأْتِي إِلَى النَّاسِ مَا يُحِبُّ
أَنْ يُؤْتَى إِلَيْهِ

“Whoever loves that he should be removed from the fire of Jahannum and should enter Paradise, then let his death overtake him, while he has Imaan in Allah and the Last Day, and whilst he does to people that which he likes to be done to himself.”
[Saheeh Muslim]