

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 TWENTY-FOUR |

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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 23 |

### DEEDS THAT LEAD TO ENTERING PARADISE (JANNAH)

عَنْ أَبِي مَالِكٍ الْحَارِثِ بْنِ عَاصِمِ الْأَشْعَرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "الطَّهُورُ شَطْرُ  
الْإِيمَانِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَمْلَأُ الْمِيزَانَ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَمْلَأُنِ -أَوْ- تَمْلَأُ مَا بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ نُورٌ،  
"وَالصَّدَقَةُ بُرْهَانٌ، وَالصَّبْرُ ضِيَاءٌ، وَالْقُرْآنُ حُجَّةٌ لَكَ أَوْ عَلَيْكَ، كُلُّ النَّاسِ يَعُدُّو، فَبَاعَ نَفْسَهُ فَمَعْتَقَهَا أَوْ مَوْبِقَهَا  
[رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ].

Hazrat Abu Maalik al-Haarith bin Aasim al-Ash'aree *Radiallahu Anhu* narrated:  
Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said :

**“Purification is half of Imaan (faith). Alhamdulillah (Praise be to Allah) fills the scales, and SubhaanAllah (Pure and Perfect and above every imperfection and need is Allah) and Alhamdulillah (Praise be to Allah), together (or each) fill what is between the heavens and the earth. And the Salaah (prayer) is a light, and charity is a proof, and patience is illumination, and The Qur’aan is either an argument for or against you. Every person starts his day as a vendor of his soul, either freeing it or bringing about its ruin.”** [Muslim]



## | BRIEF EXPLANTION |

This Hadith, encompasses some basic important deeds in our Deen, through which every Muslim can free himself from the punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* in the hereafter.

These deeds are as follows : Purification of the body and soul ; Tasbeehaat (the Zikr of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*) ; establishing Salaah ; giving Sadaqah ; having patience and reading and abiding by the Qur’aan.

What is meant by purification? One is the physical cleanliness of the body which Islam emphasises. One has to ensure that his body is Paak (clean). Our homes, our surroundings,

our Masaajids are always clean. Some of the scholars mention the meaning as ‘*purification of the heart*’, ie: one’s heart needs to be free from Kufr and Shirk (*disbelief and association of partners with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*) and even, other spiritual maladies.

Thereafter, Tasbehaat (specifically Alhumdulilah and SubhaanAllah) has been mentioned. These two phrases fill in the spaces between the heavens and the earth, showing the magnanimity, greatness and significance of these Tasbehaat and how rewarding they are.

Salaah is a light which guides a Believer in his journey towards Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*. It is a light in the darkness of the Qabr (grave). Salaah is a light that grants a person the recognition of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*. It enables him to restrain from all evil. On the day of Qiyamah it will be a Noor (light) for a person when there will be darkness.

Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam* had given a very stern warning regarding the person who abstains from performing Salaah. The Hadith mentions: “*For the person who adheres to Salaah, on the Day of Resurrection, his Salaah will become a means of his Nur (light), Burhan (proof) and Najaat (salvation). And, for the person who discards it, there will be no Nur, no Burhan and no Najaat on that day. He will be (resurrected) with (evil ones like) Qaroon, Firoun, Hamaan and Ubay bin Khalaf*”. [Mishkaat]

Sadaqah (charity) is a proof of one’s Imaan and love for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*. A Mu’min despite having a link and bond with his wealth is prepared to sacrifice his wealth for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*.

Sabr (patience) within its three categories ie: (1) patience in obedience (*Sabr Alal Ta’aat*) ; (2) patience against Allah’s disobedience (*Sabr Anil Ma’asee*) ; (3) patience during calamities (*Sabr Alal Ma’asib*), are all a light that will guide a Believer during challenging times and assist him during adversity and difficulties. Patience will be a light for a Believer on the day of Qiyamah.

The Qur’aan will be a Hujjah (proof) in one’s favour and intercede on behalf its reciter on the day of Qiyamah. The Qur’aan will serve as a proof for those who recited it and fulfilled its rights and equally serve as a proof for those who neglect the Qur’aan and do not fulfil its rights.

The last part of the Hadith explains the fact that every morning we emerge from our homes and either we will gain closeness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* or we will gain the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*. By obeying Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* and doing those actions that will please Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* we will be releasing our souls from the fire of Jahannum. On the contrary, if we disobey Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* then we will be destroying ourselves in the fire of Jahannum.