

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 THIRTY-THREE |

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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 عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ

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

NO HARMING NOR RECIPROCATING HARM

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ سَعْدِ بْنِ مَالِكِ بْنِ سِنَانِ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ، رَوَاهُ ابْنُ مَاجَهَ [راجع رقم: 2341]، وَالدَّارِقُطْنِيُّ [رقم: 228/4]، وَغَيْرُهُمَا مُسْتَدًّا. وَرَوَاهُ مَالِكٌ [746/2] فِي "الْمَوْطَأِ" عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مُرْسَلًا، فَأَسْقَطَ أَبُو سَعِيدٍ، وَلَهُ طُرُقٌ يُقْوَى بَعْضُهَا بَعْضًا.

Hazrat Abu Saeed al-Khudri Sa'idee *Radiallahu Anhu* narrates that Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said:

"There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm"

(Ibn Majah)



| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

The meaning of this very short Hadith which comprises of only two words, is that, *there should be no deliberate harming of any person, nor the reciprocating of harm*. In essence, Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* has indeed negated causing harm and returning harm without right.

>Some Ulama are of the opinion that, (both) the words *ضَرَرَ* and *ضِرَارَ* have the same meaning and it appears in this Hadith for emphasis ... whilst other Ulama explain that *ضَرَرَ* means *harm or injury* in the general sense of the word, and *ضِرَارَ* means *mutual harm*.

>Some Ulama say that *ضَرَرَ* is to harm someone who has not harmed you and *ضِرَارَ* is to harm someone who has harmed you, but you harm him in an impermissible manner.

Causing harm without right is un-Islamic. One can only inflict harm if there is justification to do so. There are various way of causing harm to people, some of which are : disregarding their honour (dignity and respect), disregarding their properties (belongings and possessions), depriving them of inheritance and bequest, usurping their land, and even causing harm to one's neighbour is considered as harm to a person.

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique *Radiallahu Anhu* narrates that Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said : "A man who harms any Muslim and deceives him, is accursed." (Tirmidhi)