

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 FORTY-TWO |

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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

THE SIGN OF FAITH

عَنْ أَبِي مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يَكُونَ هَوَاهُ تَبَعًا لِمَا جِئْتُ بِهِ"

حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ، رَوَيْنَاهُ فِي كِتَابِ "الْحُجَّةِ" بِإِسْنَادٍ صَحِيحٍ

On the authority of Abu Muhammad Abdullah bin 'Amr bin al-'Aas *Radiallahu Anhu*, who said : Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said, "None of you [truly] believes until his desires are subservient to that which I have brought."

[Imam an-Nawawi says: We have related it in *Kitab al-Hujjah* with a Saheeh chain of narrators]



| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

In this Hadith we understand an important aspect of subjugating oneself to the Deen of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala*. A person's Imaan is not complete until he follows those commands and prohibitions, that which Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* brought. Till one's whims and desires do not become subservient to the Deen, one cannot be a true Mu'min. After attesting the Nubuwwat of Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam*, it becomes necessary to adopt his way of life in all aspects.

• Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* has mentioned in the Noble Qur'aan: فَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا قَاتِلُوهُمْ وَلَا يَبْرَأُوا قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي: *Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me ~ Surah Al Imraan 3:31*

• Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* has also mentioned in the Noble Qur'aan : وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ *It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. ~ Surah Al Ahzaab 33:36*

All acts of disobedience arise from giving preference to what the self loves over what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* and Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* loves. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* describes the idolaters in following their desires in numerous Ayaah of the Noble Qur'aan.

• Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* has mentioned in the Noble Qur'aan : فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهَا يَتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنِ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى مِنَ اللَّهِ *But if they do not respond to you - then know that they only follow their [own] desires. And who is more astray than one who follows his desire without guidance from Allah? ~ Surah Al Qasas 28:50*

Those who's hearts are filled with the love of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* and the love of Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam*, the pure and flawless Shariah then becomes second nature to them. They then reach a stage where their Nafs (inner-self) desires only that which Shariah desires from them.

• Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* has mentioned in the Noble Qur'aan : وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ فَاِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ

But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and forbade the lower self it's [unlawful] inclination. Then indeed, Paradise will be [his] refuge. ~ Surah An Naaziaat 79:40/41