

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-ONE |

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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

FULFILMENT OF OBLIGATIONS AND AVOIDANCE OF TRANSGRESSION

عَنْ أَبِي ثَعْلَبَةَ الْخُسَيْنِيِّ جُرْثُومِ بْنِ نَاشِرِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فَرَضَ فَرَائِضَ فَلَا تُضَيِّعُوهَا، وَحَدَّ حُدُودًا فَلَا تَعْتَدُوهَا، وَحَرَّمَ أَشْيَاءَ فَلَا تَنْتَهِكُوهَا، وَسَكَتَ عَنْ أَشْيَاءَ رَحْمَةً لَكُمْ غَيْرِ نَسْيَانٍ فَلَا تَبْحَثُوا عَنْهَا

حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ، رَوَاهُ الدَّارِقُطْنِيُّ " فِي سَنَنِهِ " [184/4]، وَغَيْرُهُ

On the authority of Hazrat Abu Tha'labah al-Kushanee — Jurthoom bin Naashir *Radiallahu Anhu* — that Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* said:

Verily Allah Ta'ala has laid down religious obligations (Faraaidh), so do not neglect them. He has set limits, so do not transgress them. He has prohibited some things, so do not violate them, and He has remained silent about some things, out of compassion for you, not forgetfulness — so do not seek after them.

[A Hasan Hadeeth narrated by Daraquthni and others]



| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

There are four important things outlined in this Hadith :

(1) Fulfilment of Obligations (2) Avoidance of Prohibitions (3) Non Transgression of Allah Ta'ala's limits and bounds (4) Abstention from probing in those things regarding which Shariah is silent about.

This Hadith is one of the great sources of Deen, hence whoever acts by this Hadith has obtained reward and is safe from punishment, since he discharges his obligations and avoids what is prohibited and remains within the limits, and gives up probing and researching those matters that have been kept hidden from him through the Mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala*, ie: those things regarding which Allah Ta'ala is silent. The person is then pardoned. So accept from Allah His pardon, because Allah Ta'ala will never forget to reveal anything which is required for man, be it Halaal or Haraam.

Rasullullah *Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* in another narration, struck the simile of Islam, as a straight smooth path which makes the one who travels it reach his goal. And along with it's straightness, it has no crookedness or any deviations. Hence, it is near and easy.

On the two sides of this path (the right and the left) are two walls, which are likened to the limits and boundaries of Allah Ta'ala. Just as walls prevent a person from transgressing and passing beyond them, similarly, Islam (Shariah) prevents a person that enters this path from going beyond it's limits and crossing over them, ie: one does not go beyond anything that Allah Ta'ala has made forbidden. Hence, Allah Ta'ala praises those who safeguard Allah Ta'ala's limits and boundaries and Allah blames those who do not recognise Halaal and Haraam.

Allah Ta'ala mentions in the Noble Quraan :

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَعْتَدُوهَا *These are the limits of Allah, so do not transgress them* Surah Al-Baqarah 2:229