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“DARSUL HADITH”

LESSONS FROM AHÂDEETH SHAREEF

commentary on

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رحمة الله عليه

with emphasis on perfecting one's character

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Hadith 10

ACCEPTANCE OF GOOD DEEDS

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عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا،

وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَا أَمَرَ بِهِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

فَقَالَ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا،

وَقَالَ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ

ثُمَّ ذَكَرَ الرَّجُلُ يُطِيلُ السَّفَرَ أَشْعَثَ أَغْبَرَ يَمُدُّ يَدَيْهِ إِلَى

السَّمَاءِ: يَا رَبِّ! يَا رَبِّ! وَمَطْعَمُهُ حَرَامٌ، وَمَشْرَبُهُ حَرَامٌ، وَمَلْبَسُهُ حَرَامٌ، وَغُذِيَ
بِالْحَرَامِ، فَأَنَّى يُسْتَجَابُ لَهُ؟

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah Radiyallahu Anhu narrates that: Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said:

*“Allah [the Almighty] is Pure and accepts only that which is good / Pure.
And verily Allah has commanded the believers to do that which He had
commanded the Messengers:*

*The Almighty Allah has said: “O Messengers! Eat of the Tayyibat [all kinds of
Halaal (legal) foods] and perform righteous deeds.”*

*and The Almighty Allah has said: “O you who believe! Eat of the lawful things
that We have provided you.”*

*Then he (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) mentioned [the case] of a man who,
having journeyed far, is dishevelled and dusty, and who spreads out his hands to
the sky saying “O Lord! O Lord!”*

while his food is haram (unlawful),

his drink is haram,

his clothing is haram,

and he has been nourished with haram,

so how can [his supplication] be answered?

In this Hadith we have been urged to consume pure and wholesome food.

One of the most important things by which a Mu'min obtains pure actions and deeds, is pure food which is Halaal.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala is wholly Pure and free from all defects and shortcomings. He is At'Tayyib [pure] and He only accepts that which is pure.

So, in this Hadith there is an indication that action is only acceptable, and it is only pure, through eating Halaal wholesome food.

Haraam food corrupts actions and prevents the acceptance of Duaa.

Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqas Radiyallahu Anhu asked Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam:

“Ya Rasulullah [Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam], ask Allah to make me, one who's Duaa's are answered [Mustajaabad-Da'wah].

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said:

Sa'ad, make your food pure [Halaal] and your supplications will be answered.

By the one in whose hand is the life of Muhammed (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam), the slave will cast a Haraam [impure] morsel in his belly and because of it, Allah will not accept his action for 40 days. And any slave whose flesh was rose upon Interest, then the fire of Jahannam is most appropriate for it”. [Ibn Kathir]

Someone asked Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqas Radiyallahu Anhu:

“How is it that all your Duaa's [supplications] amongst all the Sahaabah Radiyallahu Anhum are answered?”.

Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqas Radiyallahu Anhu said:

“When I raise a morsel to my mouth, I know where it came from and what it came out of”. [Hilyatul Awliyaa]

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said:

Whoever buys a garment for 10 Dirhams and 1 Dirham [of it] is Haraam, then Allah will not accept his prayer for as long as he wears that garment.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar Radiyallahu Anhu narrated this Hadith and then he put his fingers in his ears and said:

“May they become deaf if I did not hear it from Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam”. [Musnad Ahmed]

Abu Dawood in his Marāsīl mentioned:

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said:

Whoever gains wealth from a criminal act and gives it as a gift to relatives, or pays Sadaqah [charity] from it, or spends it in the path of Allah, then Allah will gather all that and cast it with him into the fire of Jahannam”.

Hazrat ‘Umar ibn al-Khattab Radiyallahu Anhum mentioned:

“By one’s careful avoidance of that which Allah forbids, Allah accepts supplications and glorifications”.

Sufyaan Thauri Rahmatullahi Alayh mentioned:

One who uses Haraam wealth in noble works, is like one who attempts to purify his clothes in urine”.

May Allah Ta’ala grant us all the understanding of this Hadith, and May Allah Ta’ala grant us the ability to make every effort to earn Halal and pure food.

Ameen.