

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ILM UL MUKARRAM
“DARSUL HADITH”

LESSONS FROM AHÂDEETH SHAREEF

commentary on

40 ahâdeeth | arba'een | of Imaam Nawawi

رحمة الله عليه

with emphasis on perfecting one's character

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Hadith 12

Leaving that which does not Concern One

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ
حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ، رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ [رقم: 2318] ، ابن ماجه [رقم: 3]

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

“Part of the perfection [excellence] of a person's Islam is that he leaves what does not concern him.”

[At-Tirmidhi]

This Hadith highlights the importance of refraining from all those words or deeds that do not concern oneself. A person should refrain from vain talk and futile actions.

He should avoid irrelevant questions, unimportant discussions, and refrain from expressing his own opinions regarding any matters of Deen. Instead, he should make use of his time correctly and spend his efforts and energy in those matters which are beneficial to him.

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah Radiyallahu Anhu mentioned in a narration: “The people with the most wrong actions are those who speak most about what does not concern them.”

Hazrat Luqmaan Alayhis Salaam was asked, how did he achieve a high rank ... He mentioned: “Speaking the truth, fulfilling a trust and abandoning all those things that did not concern him.”

A person should hence ponder over the fact that death awaits him, and he will be questioned for every word that he spoke and for every action that he did.

Perhaps he will be asked:

- “Why did you utter that statement?”
- “Was it necessary or futile?”
- “Did it benefit you in anyway?”
- “Would it have harmed you if you did not speak or utter those words?”
- “Had you remained silent, would you not have been kept safe from any effects or consequences of that statement?”
- “Why did you not in place of that statement, recite Zikr-Ullah

[SubhaanAllah, Alhumdulillah, La ilaahail Allah] in that time that you wasted?” ...

Hence, the Salaf-e-Sauliheen, like Hasan Basri Rahmatullahi Alayh used to say: “We met such pious people who were more concerned about valuing their time, just like how you are concerned about gathering your Dinars and Dirhams ...”

We have learnt in this Hadith, that, the perfection [kamaal] of the Islam of any person, lies in the retainment of all types of futility.